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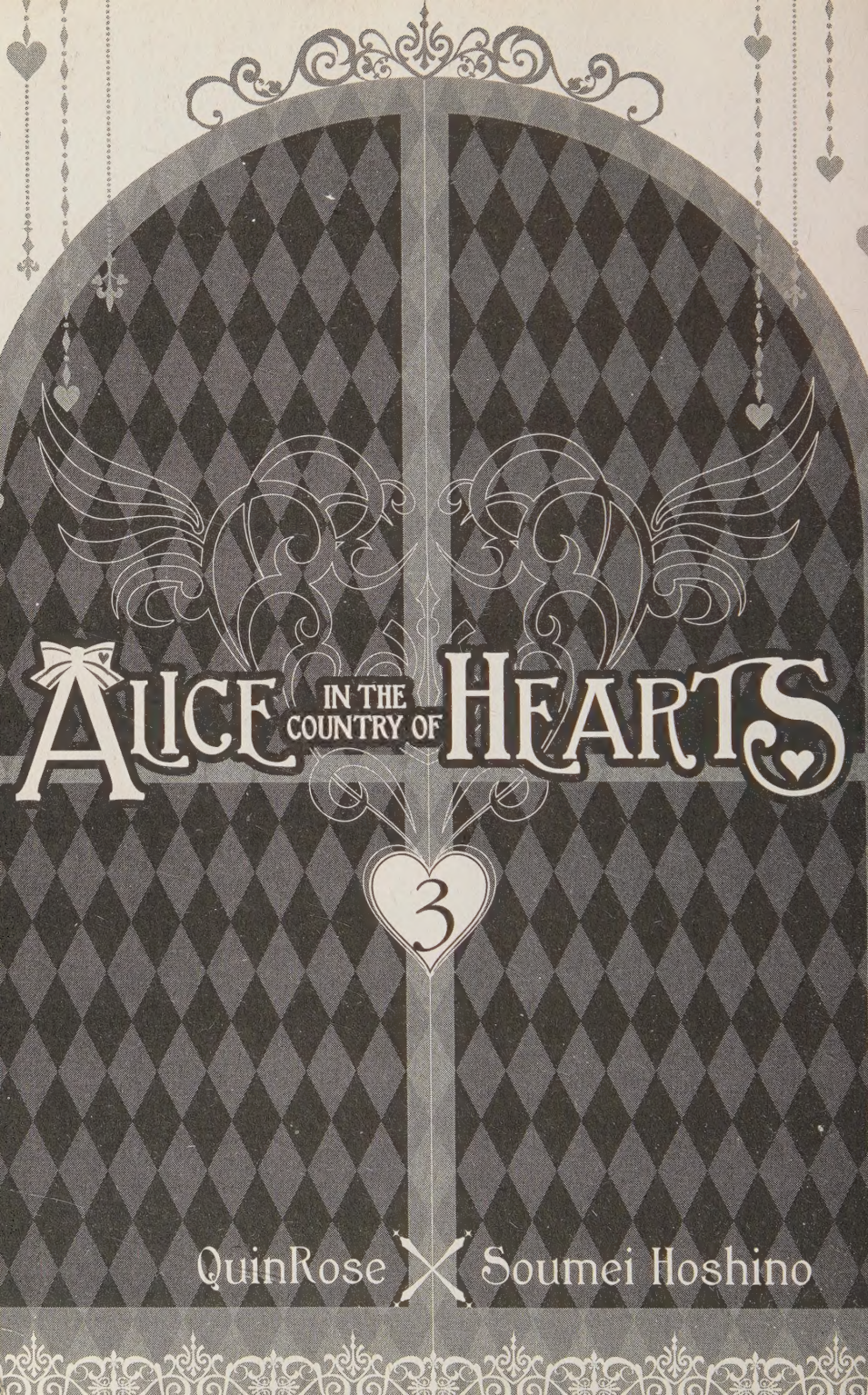
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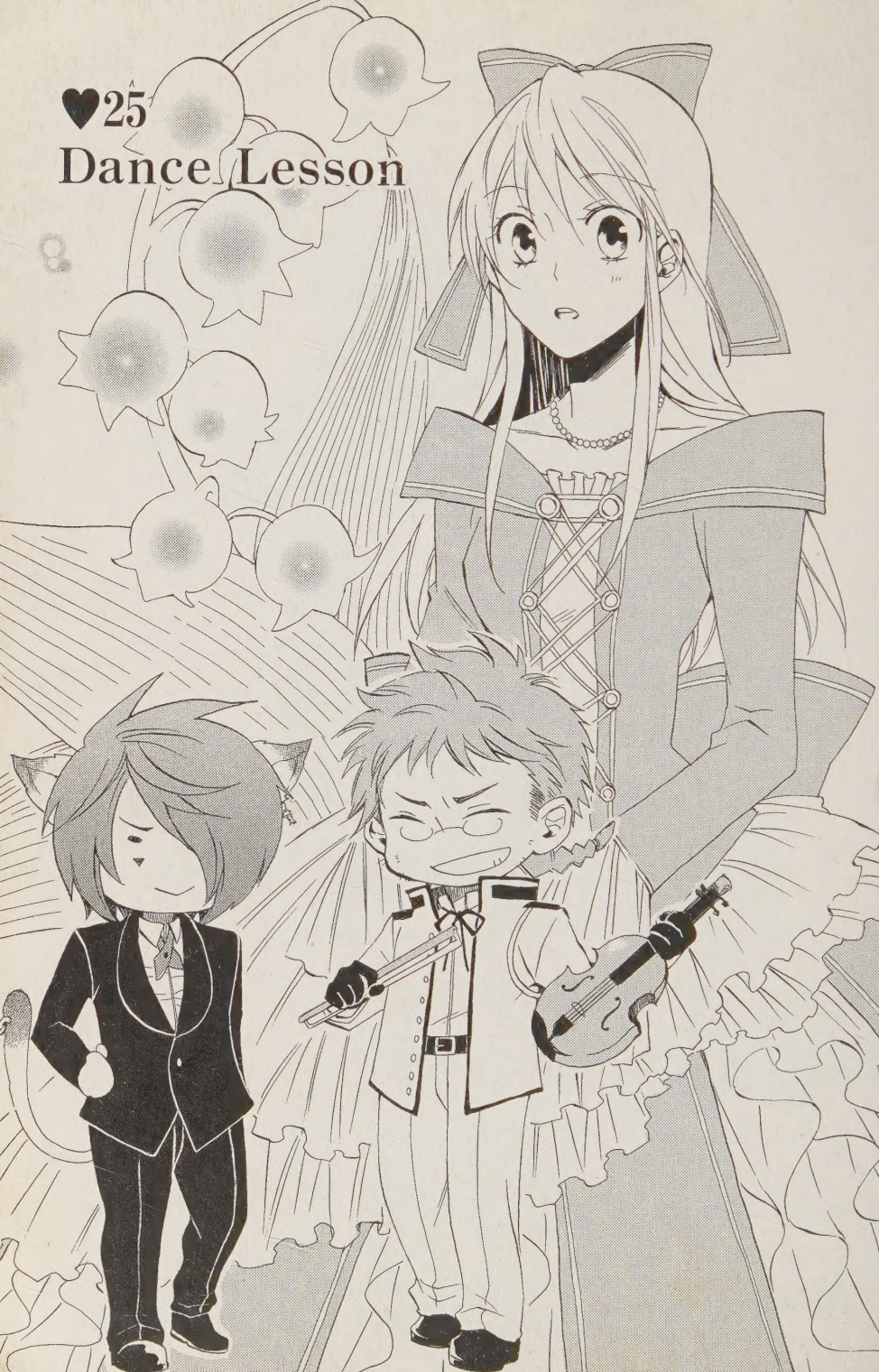
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♥25

Dance Lesson



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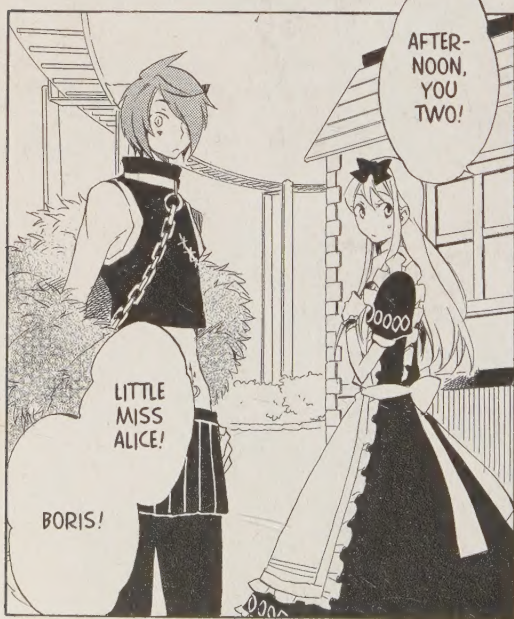
THEN MAYBE
YOU COULD PULL
YOUR HAIR BACK
AND WEAR A
RIBBON TO
HOLD IT IN
PLACE...

IF YOU
ASK ME, YOU
SHOULD GO
WITH A PALE
WINTER COLOR
LIKE YOU'RE
WEARING NOW.
BLUE LOOKS
GOOD ON
YOU.



YEAH.

THE
DRESS
YOU'RE
GONNA
WEAR
TO THE
BALL.



AFTER-
NOON,
YOU
TWO!

LITTLE
MISS
ALICE!

BORIS!



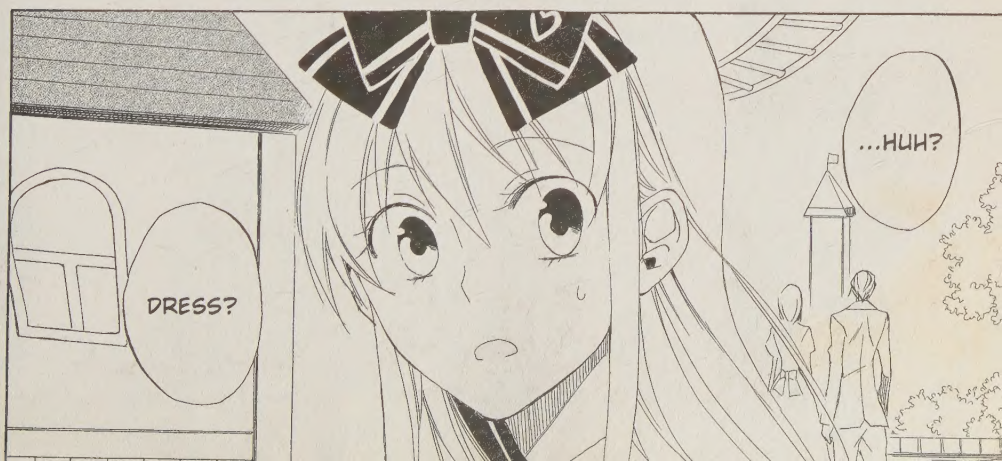
W-WAIT A
MINUTE,
BORIS.

I
HAVEN'T
EVEN
DECIDED TO
GO YET—



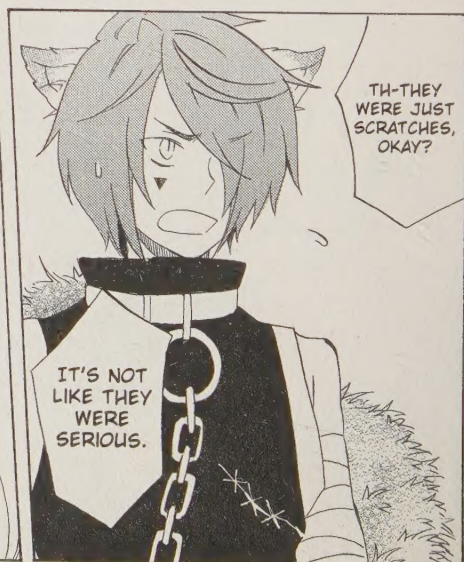
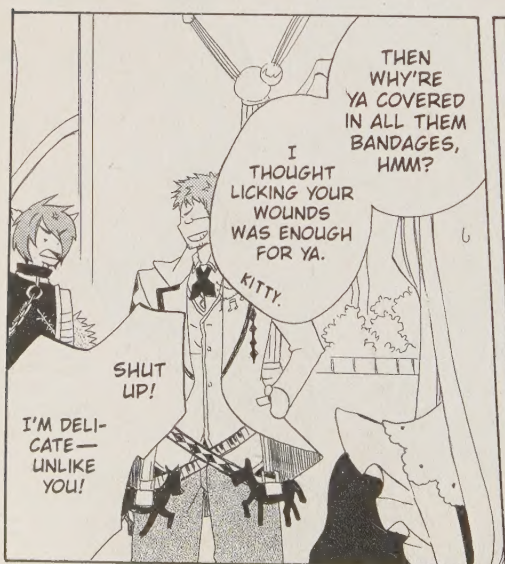
BY
THE WAY,
ALICE.

HAVE
YOU PICKED
OUT YOUR
DRESS
YET?



...HUH?

DRESS?



I
ALREADY
KNEW THAT,
YOU OLD
FART. GET
WITH THE
TIMES!

I TOLD
ALICE
TOO.

WHAT
!?

HAVE
I GOT
NEWS
FOR YOU!

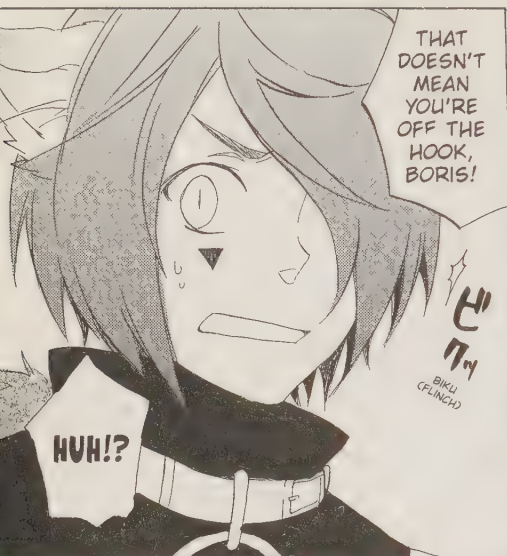
LOOKS
LIKE
THEY'RE
GONNA
THROW
A BALL
SOON!

HMM?

YOU
GOT
HURT
AGAIN?

YA HAVEN'T
BEEN HOME
MUCH, SO I
THOUGHT YA
HADN'T HEARD
YET...

DAMN.



THAT DOESN'T
MEAN
YOU'RE
OFF THE
HOOK,
BORIS!

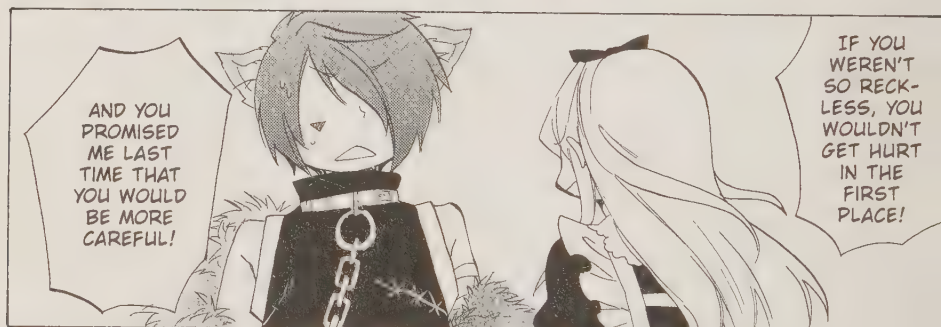
ヒ
ッ
ン
BIRU
(CLINCH)

HUH!?



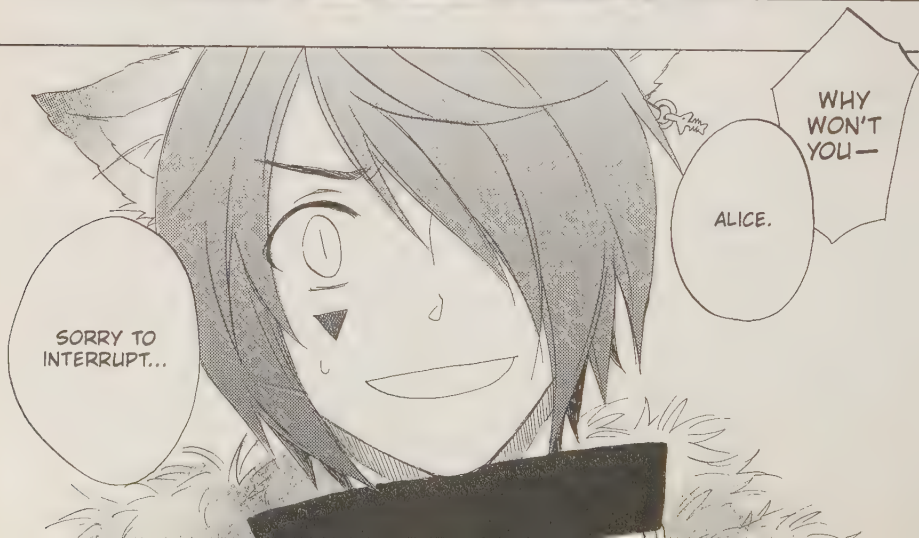
HA
HA!

YOU GOT
YELLED
AT~!



AND YOU
PROMISED
ME LAST
TIME THAT
YOU WOULD
BE MORE
CAREFUL!

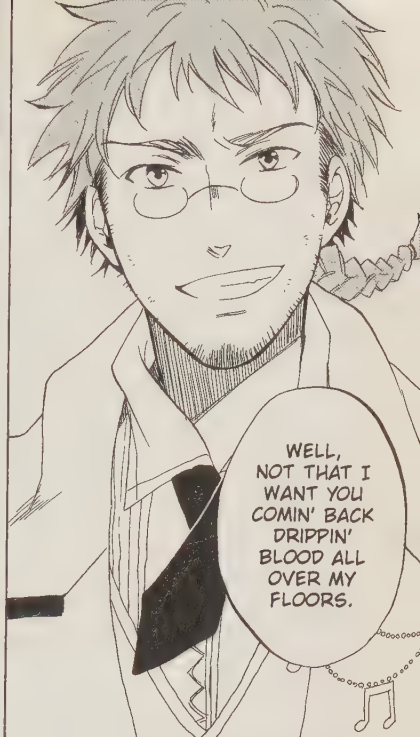
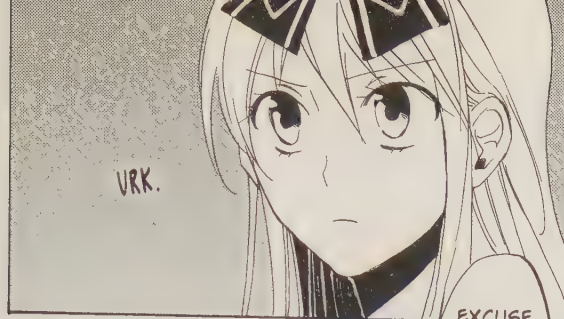
IF YOU
WEREN'T
SO RECK-
LESS, YOU
WOULDN'T
GET HURT
IN THE
FIRST
PLACE!

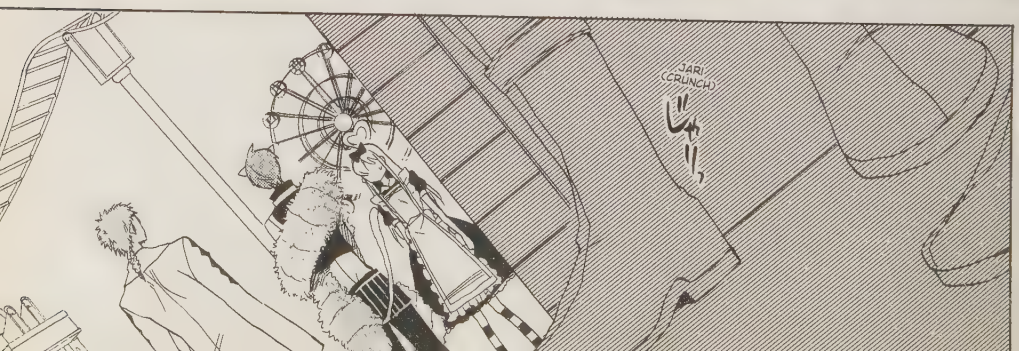
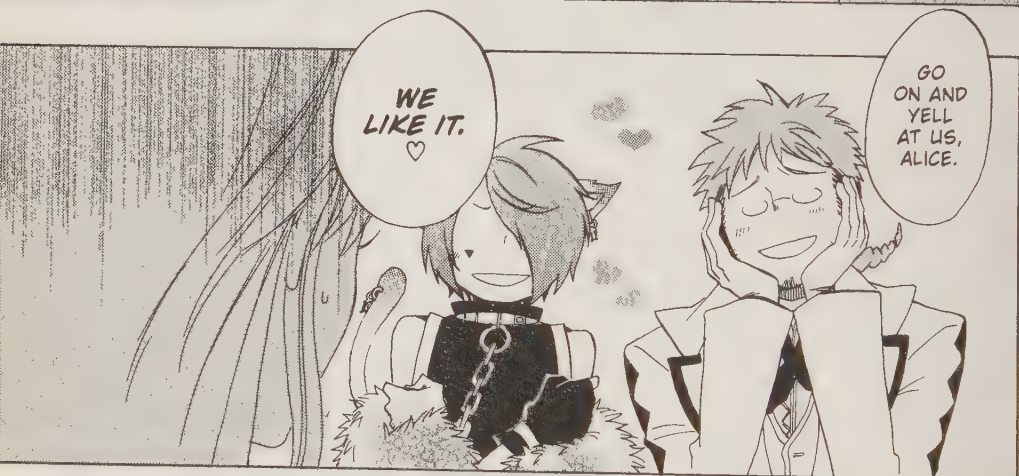
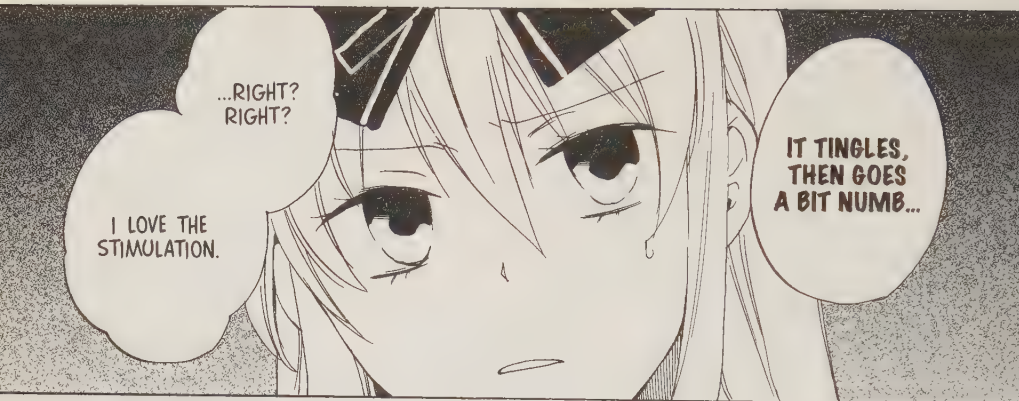


SORRY TO
INTERRUPT...

WHY
WON'T
YOU —

ALICE.







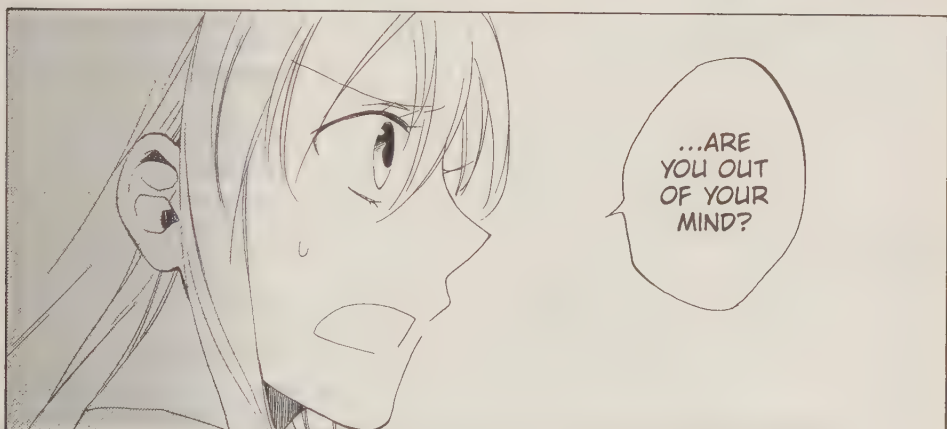
...I KINDA LIKE
IT WHEN YOU
YELL AT ME
LIKE THIS.

...

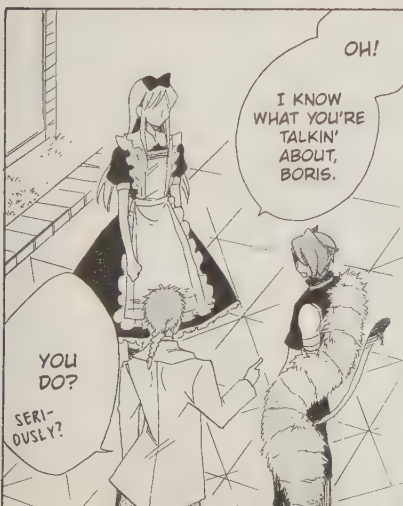


...BUT
I JUST
REALIZED
SOME-
THING.

...WHAT?



...ARE
YOU OUT
OF YOUR
MIND?

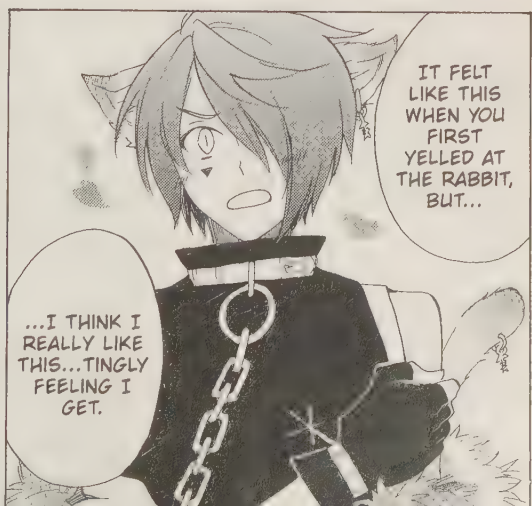


OH!

I KNOW
WHAT YOU'RE
TALKIN'
ABOUT,
BORIS.

YOU
DO?

SERI-
OUSLY?

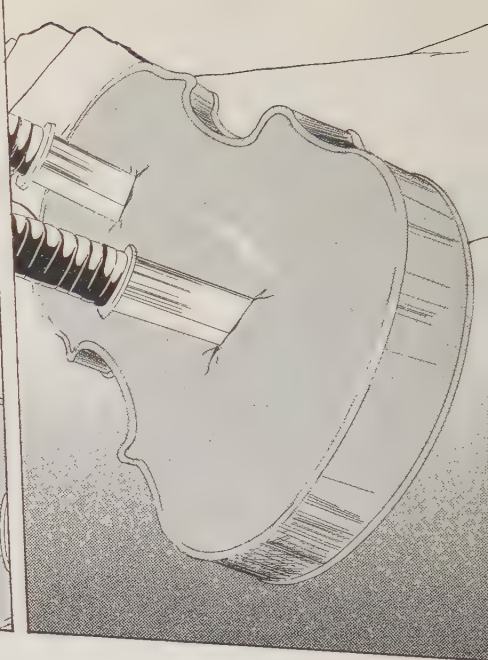


IT FELT
LIKE THIS
WHEN YOU
FIRST
YELLED
AT THE
RABBIT,
BUT...

...I THINK I
REALLY LIKE
THIS...TINGLY
FEELING I
GET.



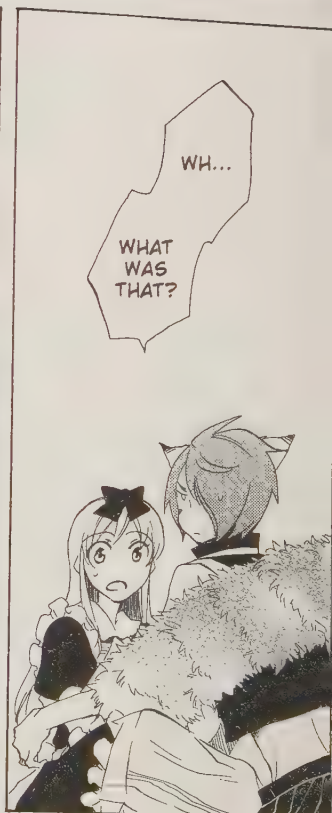
WHAT IN
TARNA-
TION?



THAT
TOTALLY
BLOWS,
BROTHER.

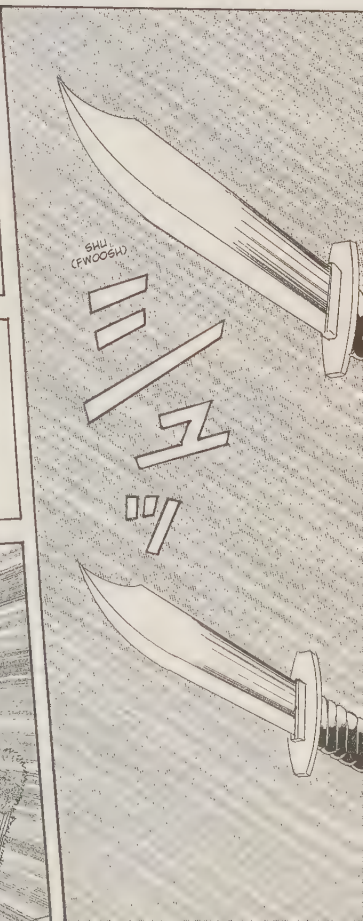
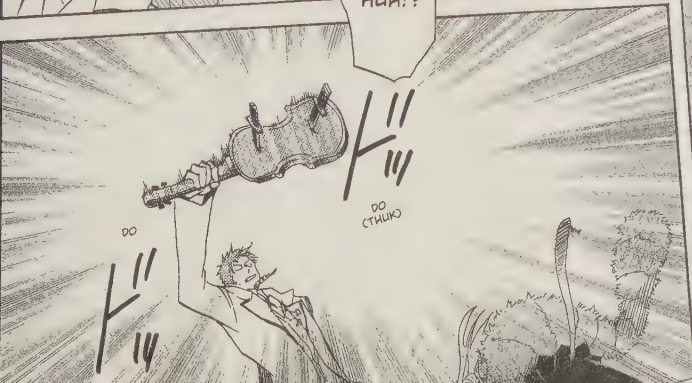
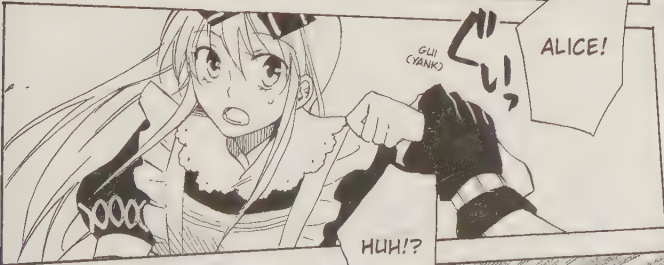


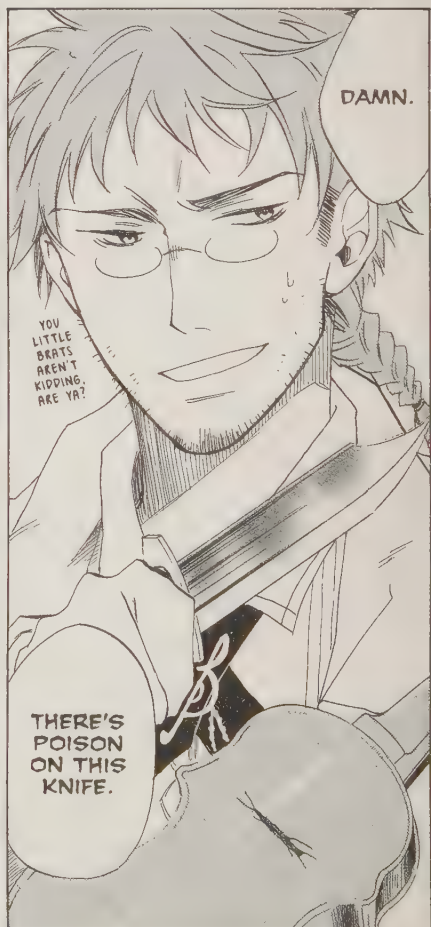
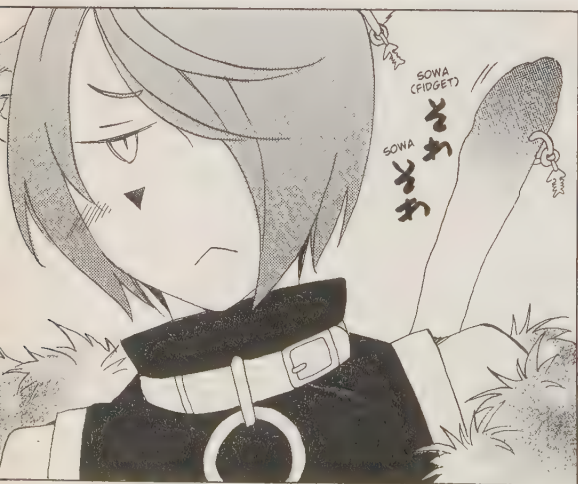
HUH? HE
BLOCKED
THEM,
BROTHER.



WH...

WHAT
WAS
THAT?







WHAT
THE HELL
ARE YOU
CHEERING
FOR!?



DEE
AND
DUM!?

HEY,
IT'S
SIS!

SIS IS
HERE
TOO!
YAAAY!

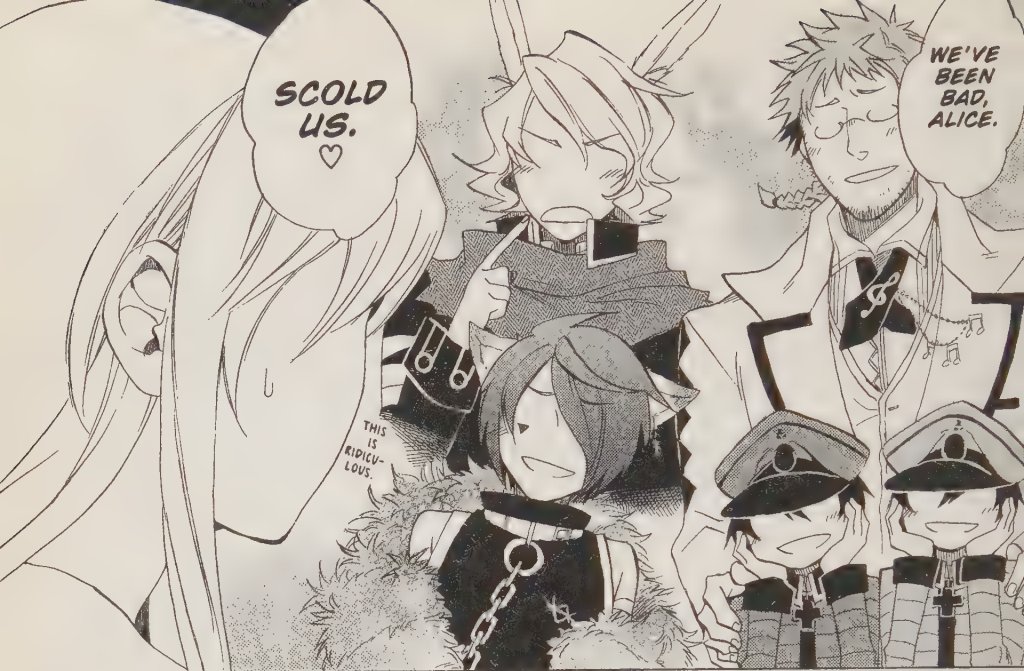


WE DIDN'T
KNOW BIG
SIS WAS
HERE!

AND YOU
SHOULDN'T
CALL CUTE
KIDS LIKE
US BRAIN-
DEAD,
STUPID
RABBIT.



YOU
COULD'VE
HIT HER, YOU
BRAIN-DEAD
LITTLE...



SCOLD
US.
♡

THIS
IS
RIDICU-
LOUS.

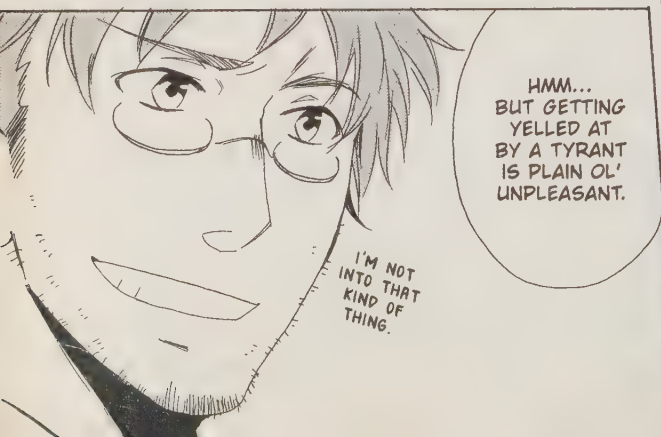
WE'VE
BEEN
BAD,
ALICE.



MAYBE
SHE'LL EVEN
STEP ON
YOU WITH
HER GIANT
HIGH HEELS.

YOU MIGHT
LOSE YOUR
HEADS,
THOUGH.

IF YOU'RE
ALL SUCH
GLUTTONS FOR
PUNISHMENT,
I'M SURE
VIVALDI WOULD
BE HAPPY
TO YELL AT
YOU.

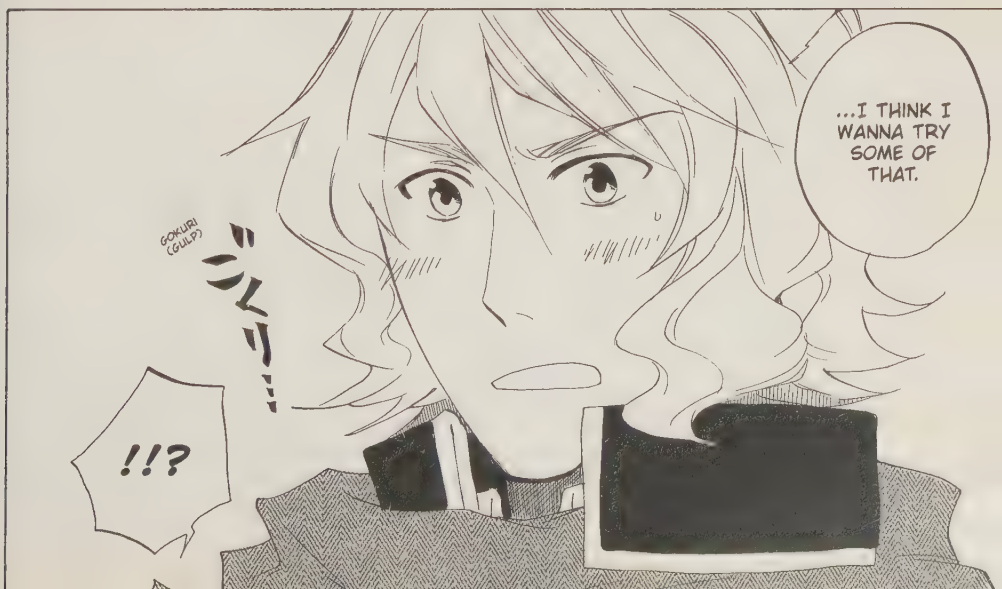


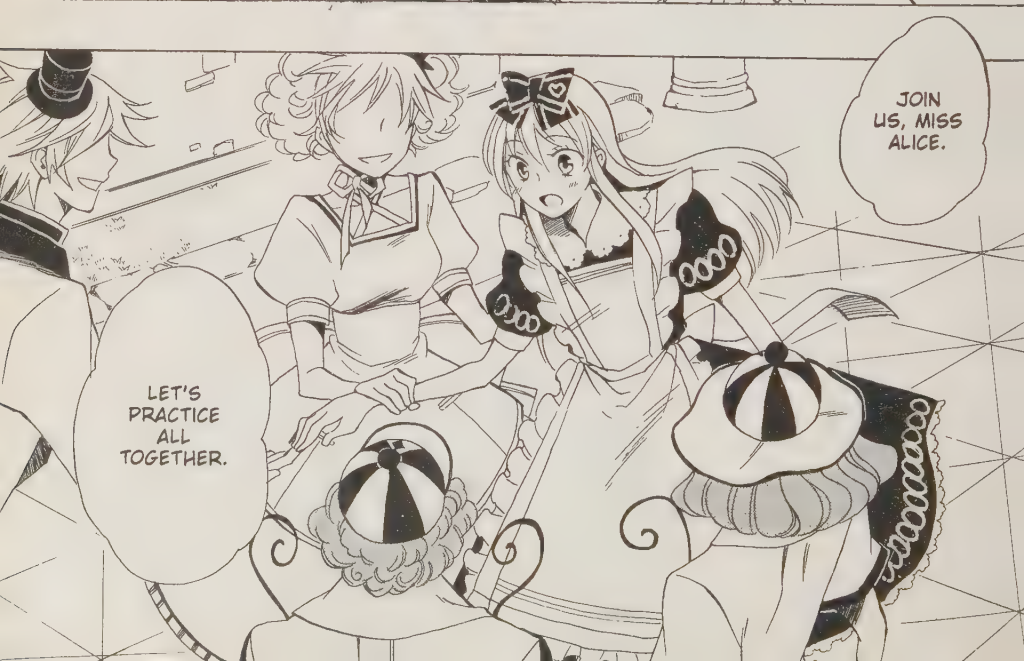
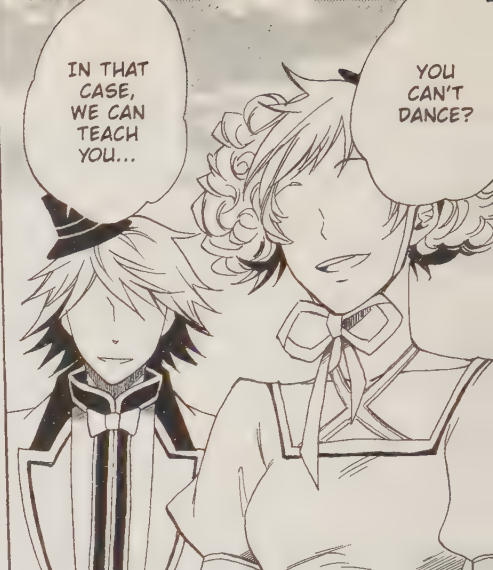
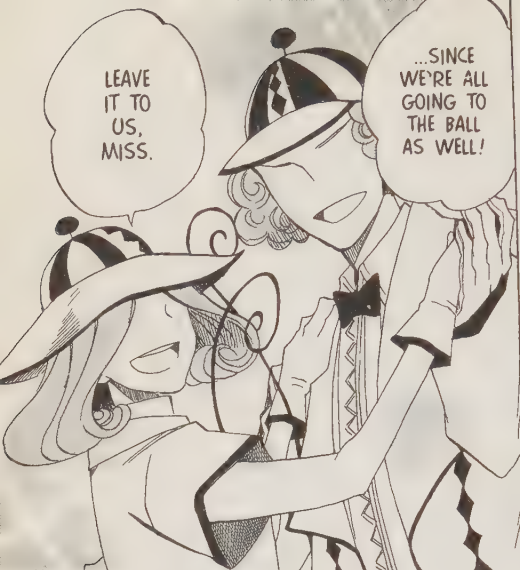
I'M NOT
INTO THAT
KIND OF
THING.

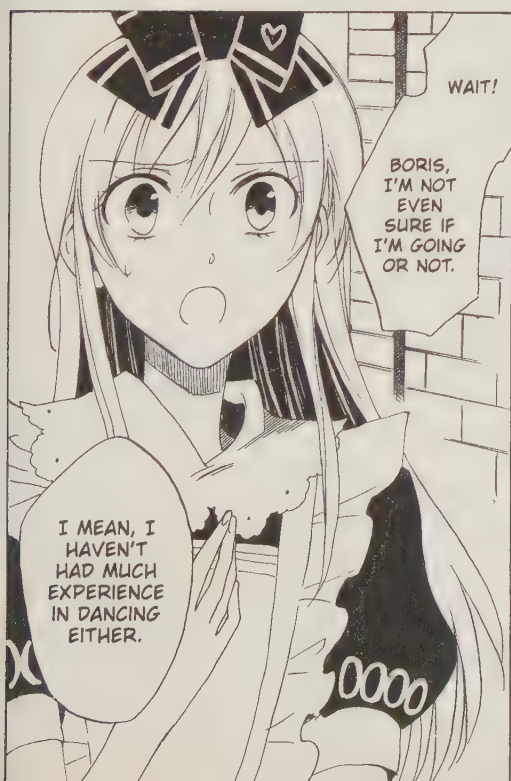
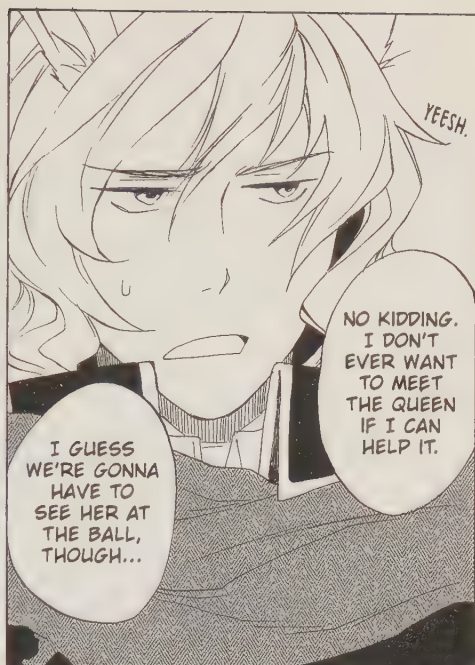
HMM...
BUT GETTING
YELLED AT
BY A TYRANT
IS PLAIN OL'
UNPLEASANT.

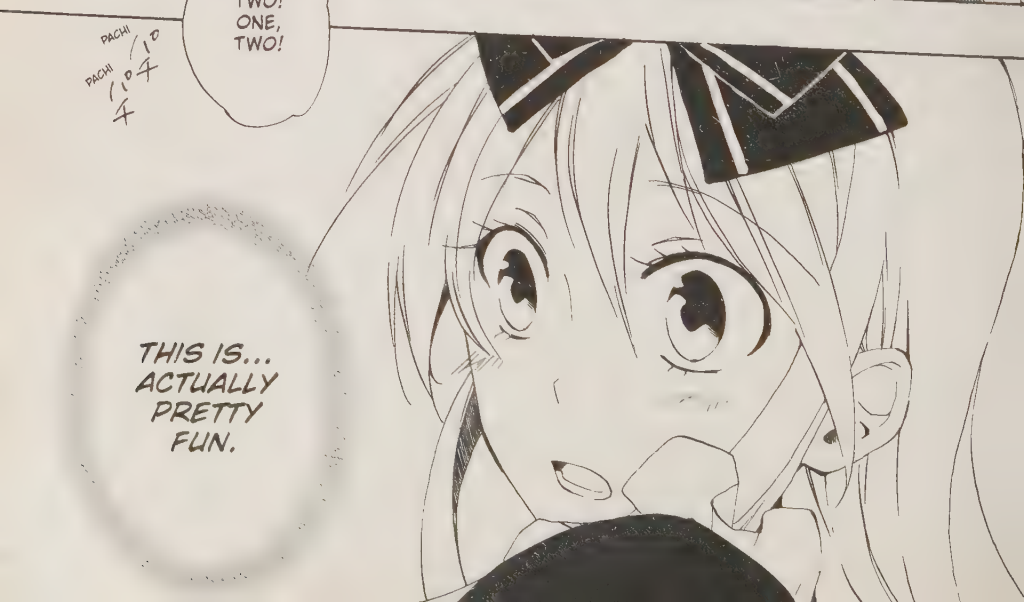
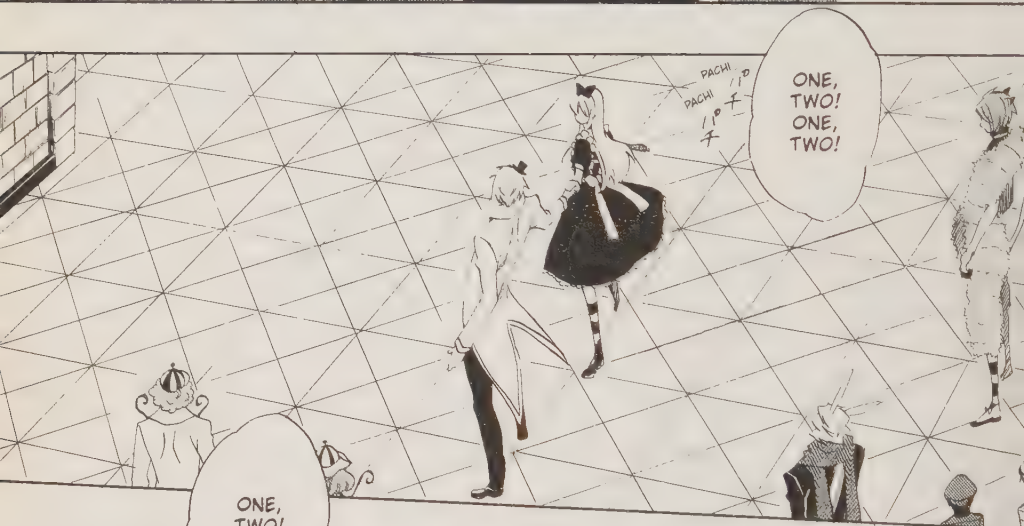


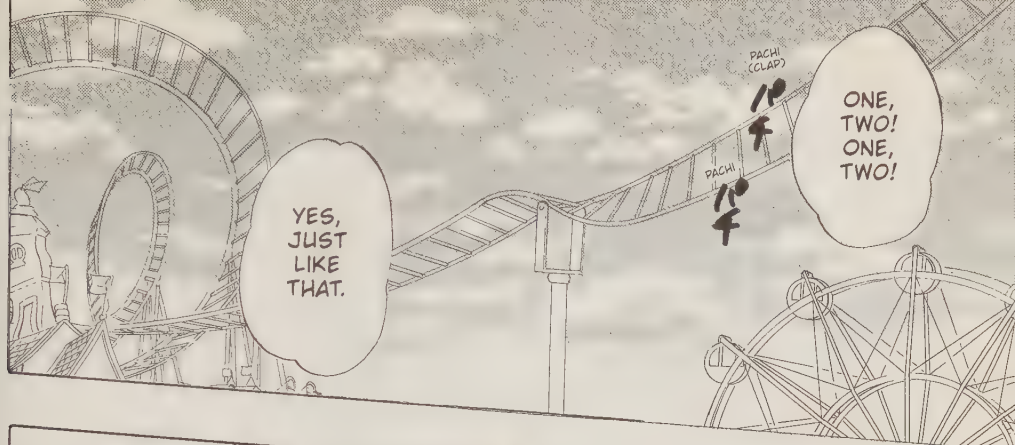
SIGH





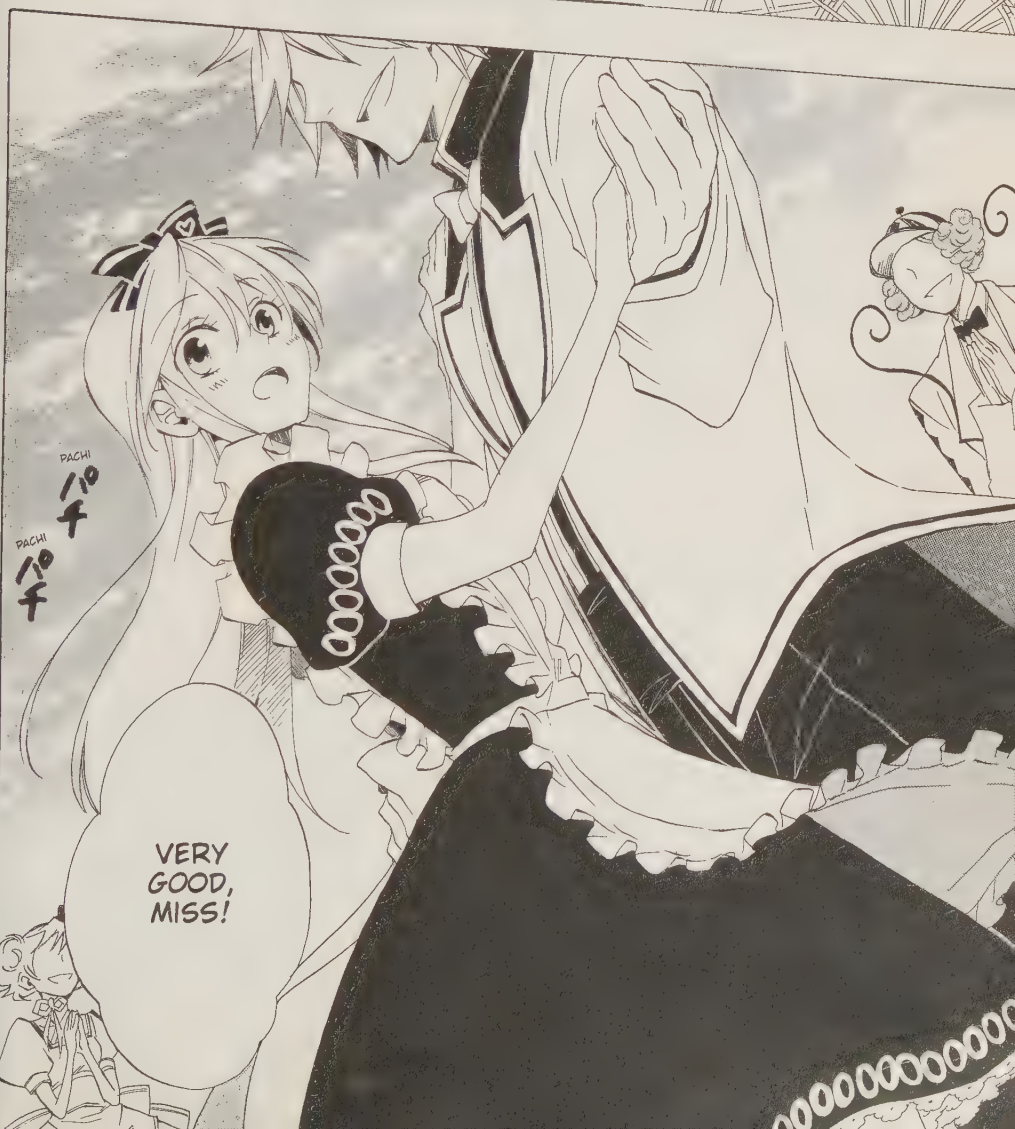




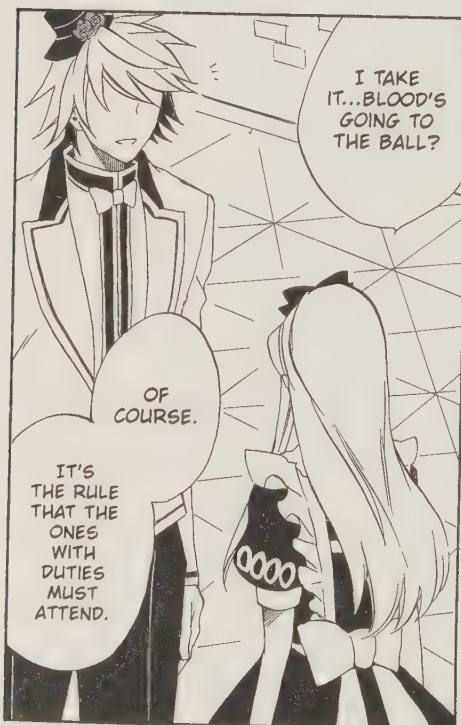
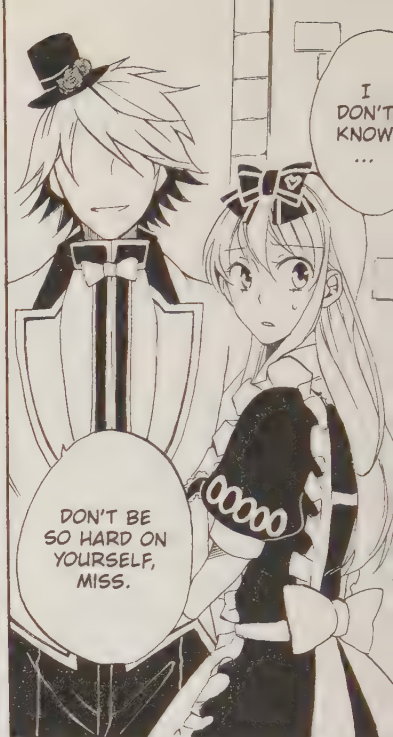
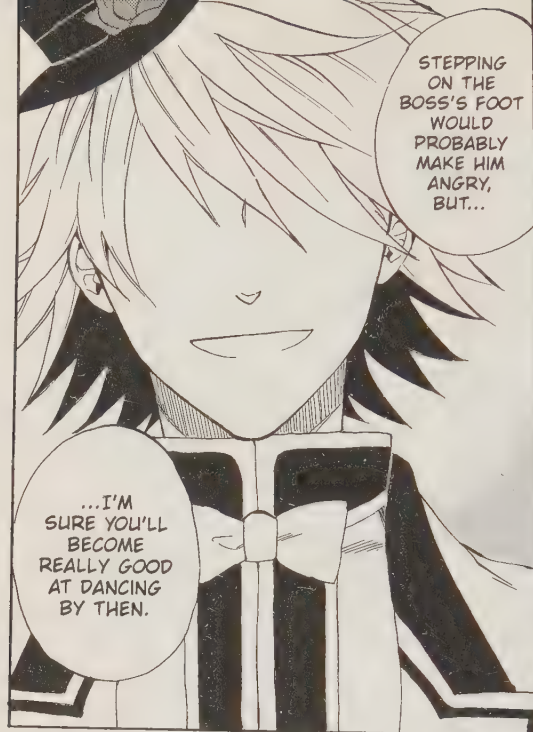


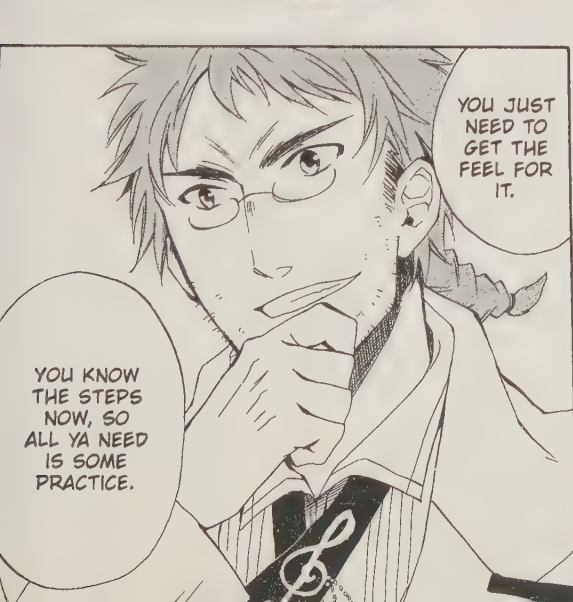
YES,
JUST
LIKE
THAT.

ONE,
TWO!
ONE,
TWO!



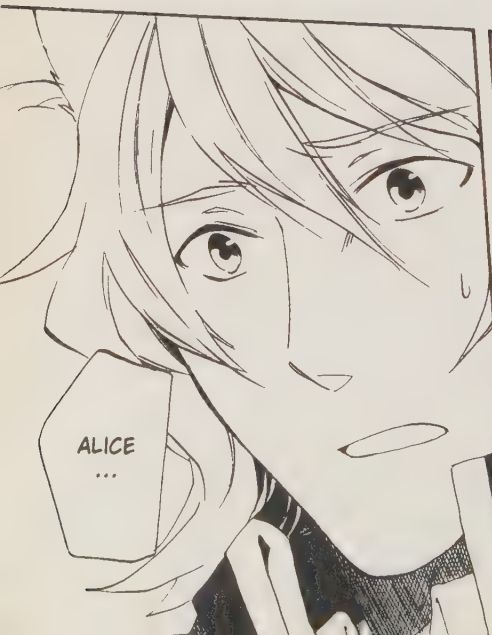
VERY
GOOD,
MISS!







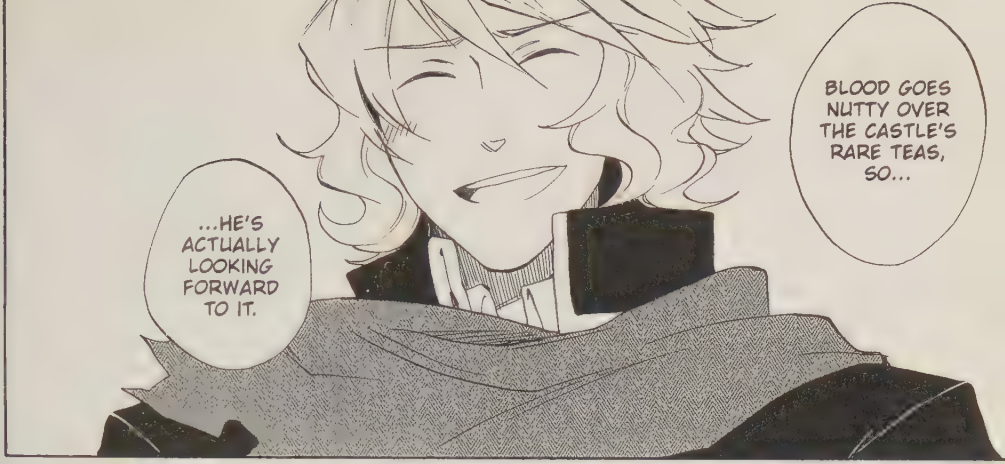
IF
BLOOD'S
GOING, I'M
DEFINITELY
NOT.



ALICE
...



IT DOESN'T
MATTER IF
I STEP ON
HIS FOOT
OR NOT—
HE'LL INSULT
ME EITHER
WAY.



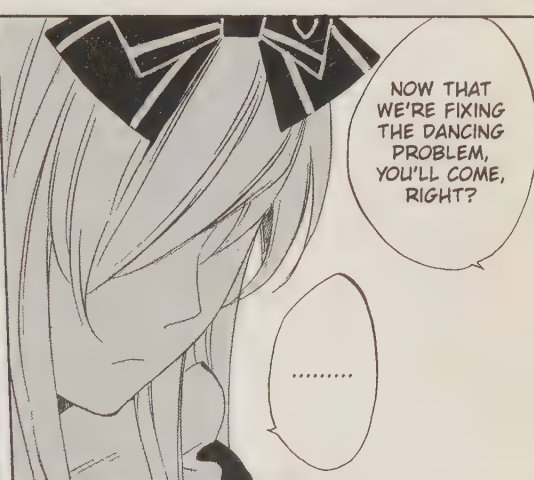
...HE'S
ACTUALLY
LOOKING
FORWARD
TO IT.

BLOOD GOES
NUTTY OVER
THE CASTLE'S
RARE TEAS,
SO...



...I'M
NOT
GOING.

HUH?



NOW THAT
WE'RE FIXING
THE DANCING
PROBLEM,
YOU'LL COME,
RIGHT?

.....

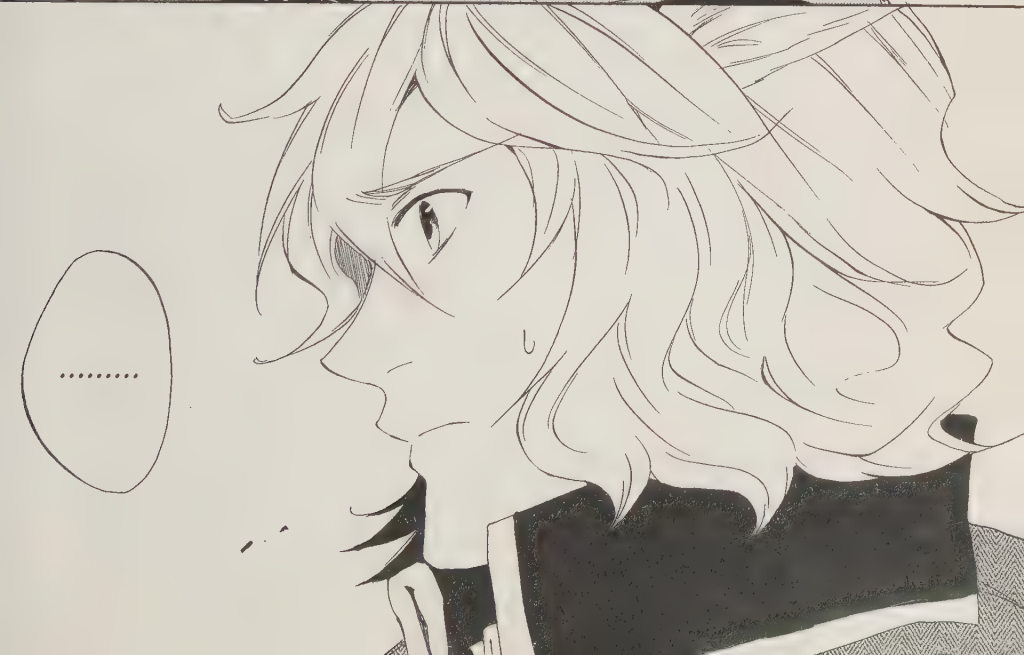
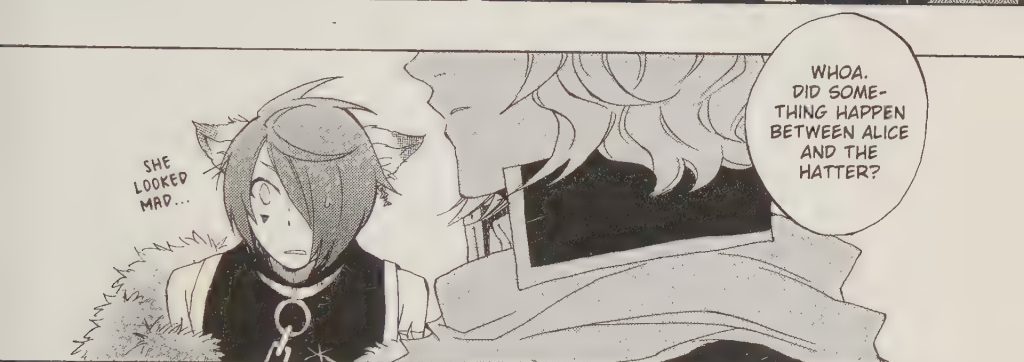
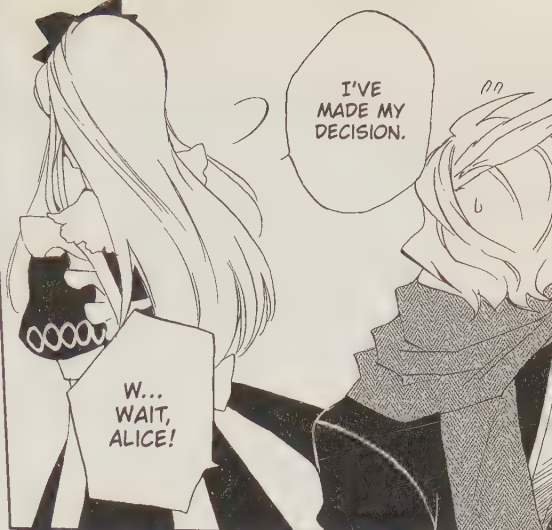
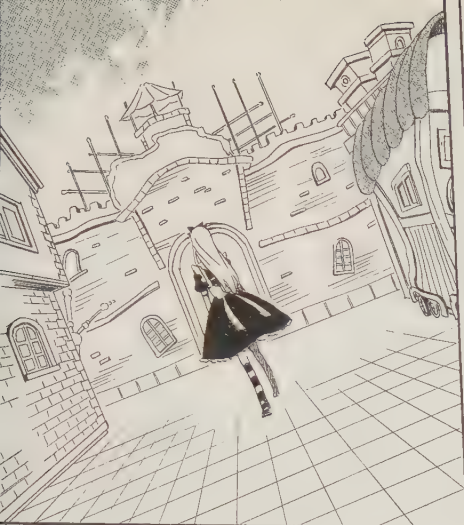


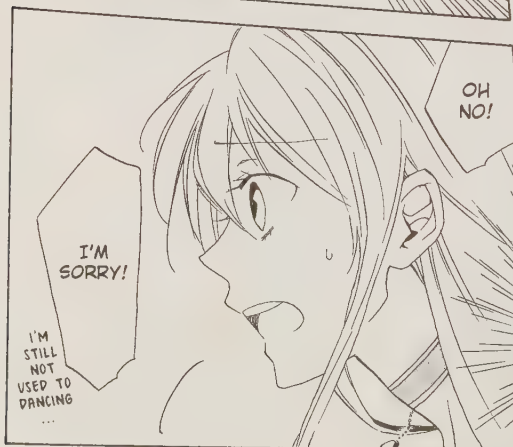
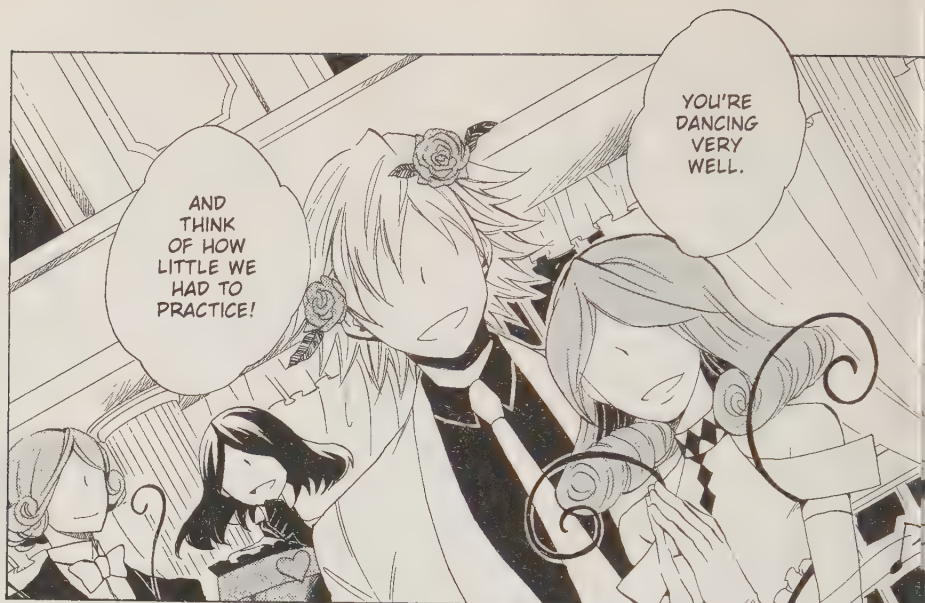
...I CAN'T
WAIT TO
TASTE
THE FINE
CARROT
CUISI—

AS FOR
ME...

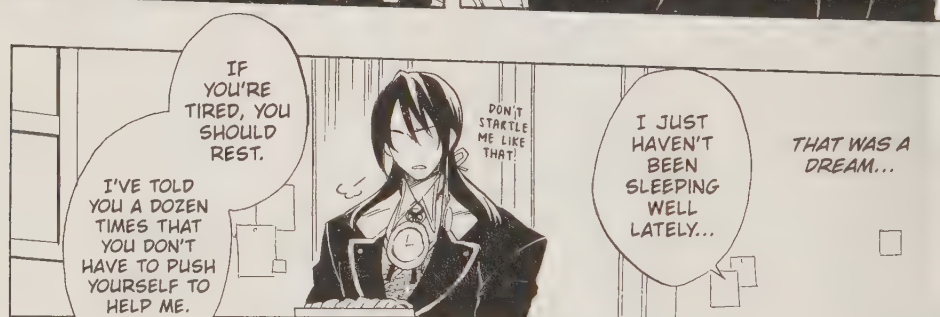
♥26 Rising of the Curtain











GATA
CLATER

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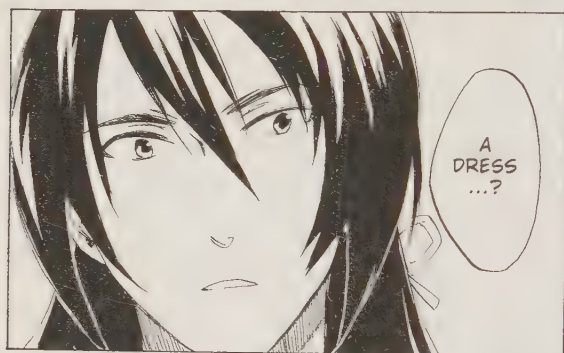


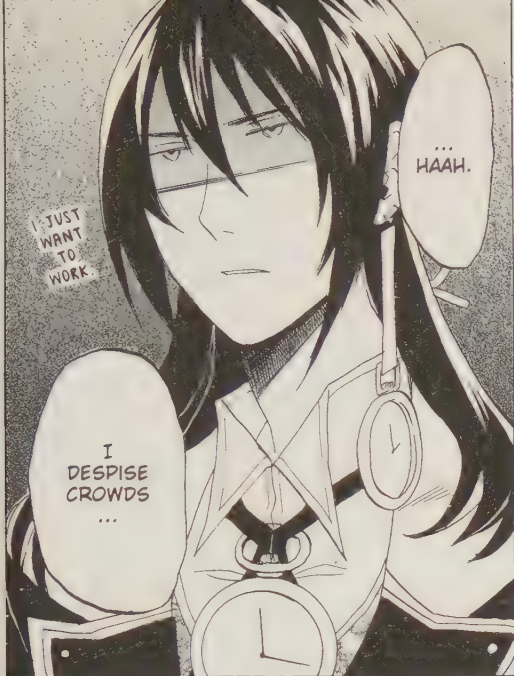
REALLY
...

HA.

IS
THAT HOW
THEY TEACH
YOU TO DANCE
IN YOUR
WORLD?

BLOOD—!?

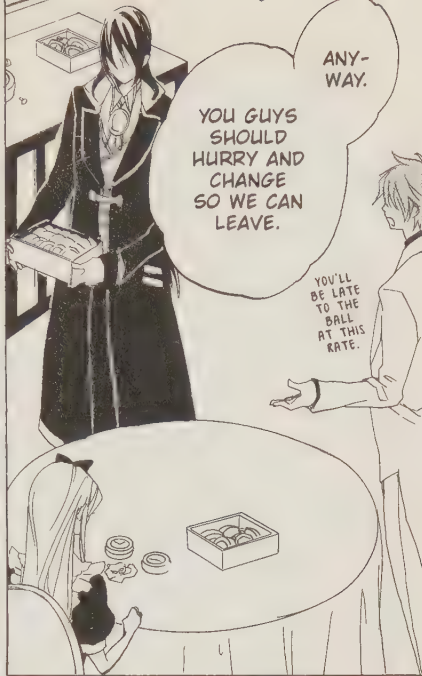




I JUST
WANT
TO
WORK.

...
HAAH.

I
DESPISE
CROWDS
...



ANY-
WAY.

YOU GUYS
SHOULD
HURRY
AND
CHANGE
SO WE CAN
LEAVE.

YOU'LL
BE LATE
TO THE
BALL
AT THIS
RATE.

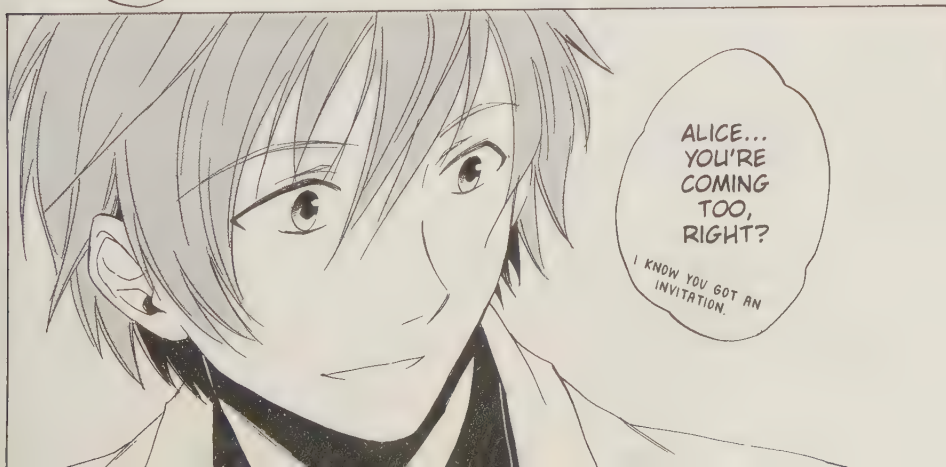


HA-HA-
HA! YOU
GUYS
ARE
WEIRD.

AND YOU'D
STILL HAVE
TO GO IN
THE RAIN,
JULIUS.

I DON'T
WANT
TO GO...
WHY CAN'T
IT JUST
RAIN...?

TOO
BAD—
IT'S
BEAU-
TIFUL
OUT.



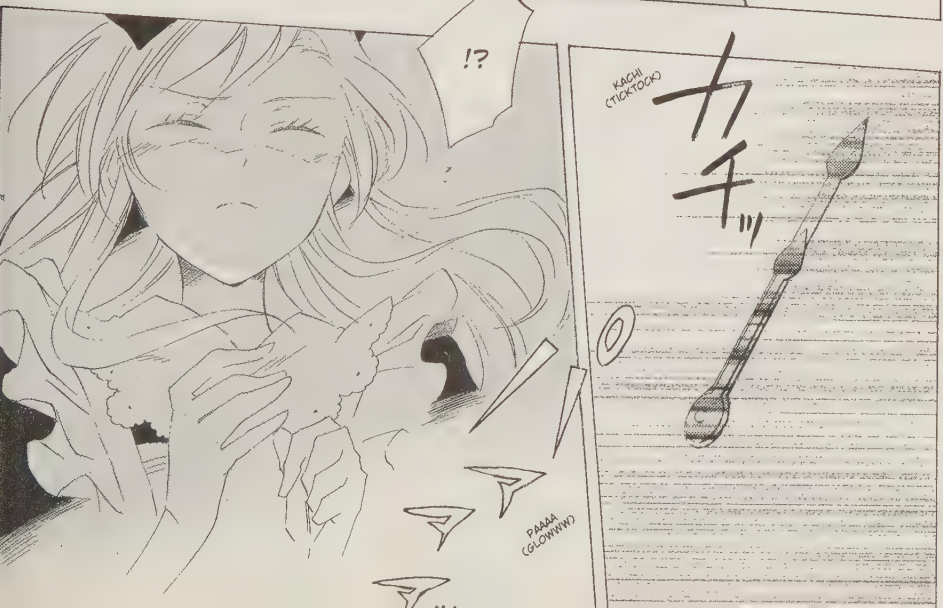
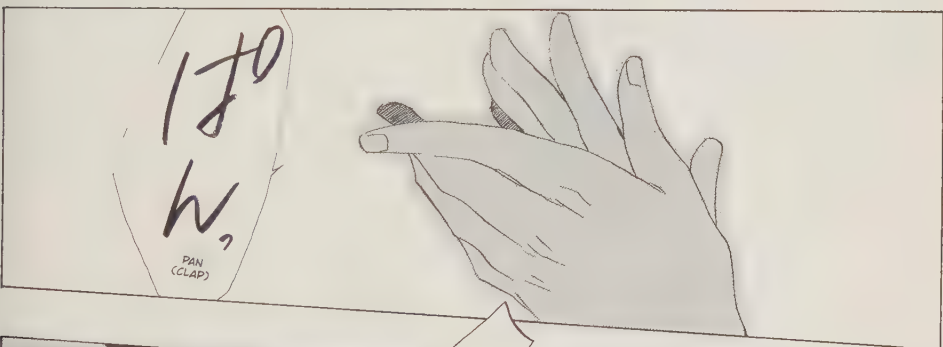
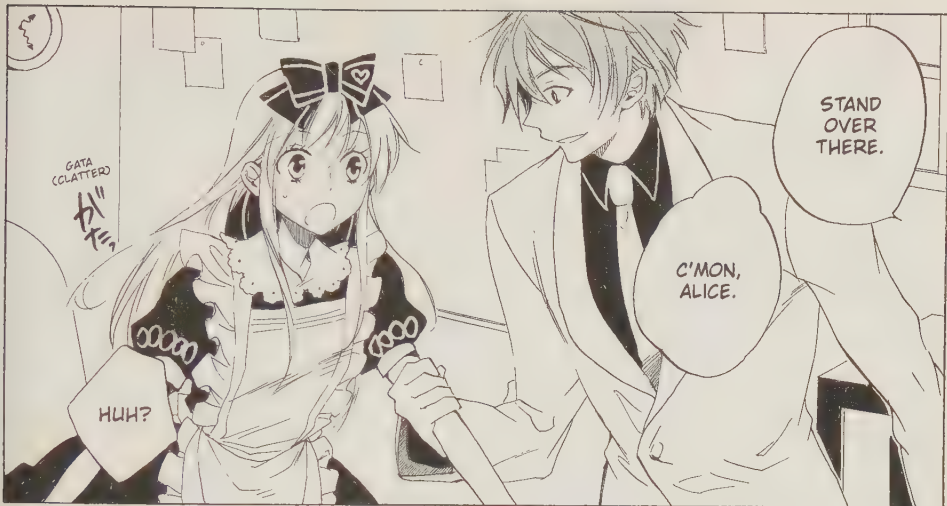
ALICE...
YOU'RE
COMING
TOO,
RIGHT?

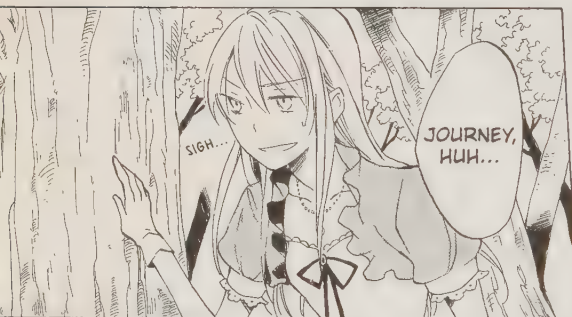
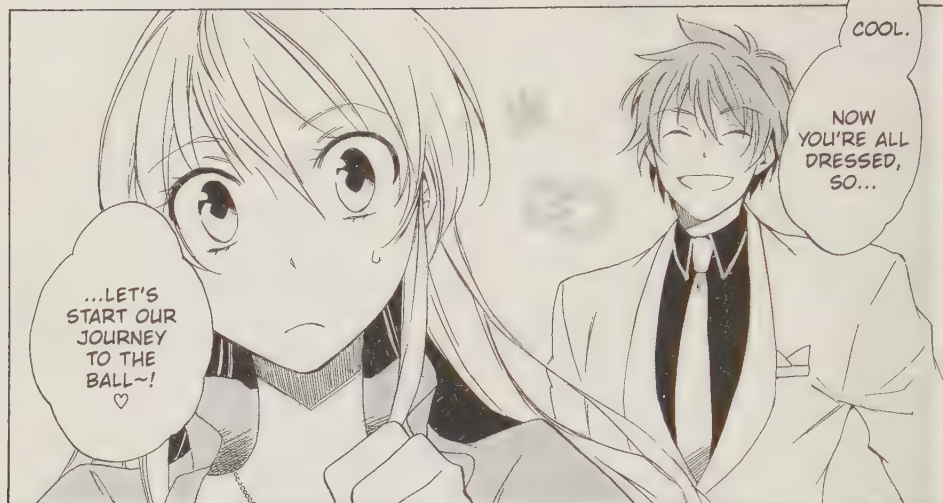
I KNOW YOU GOT AN
INVITATION.

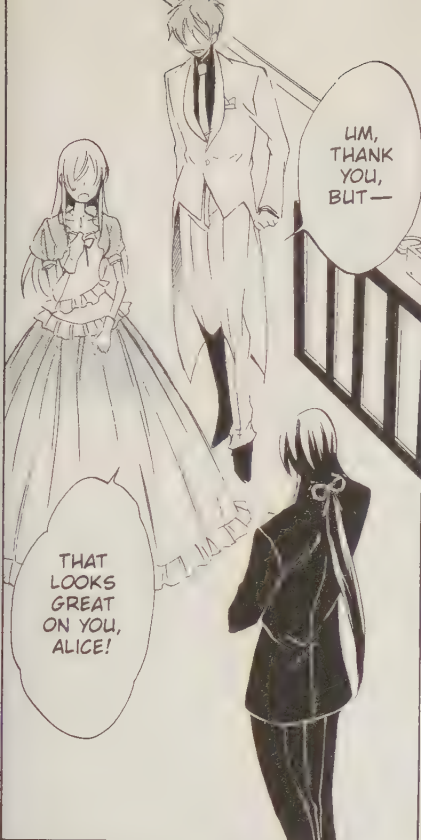
と
あ、
SO
CREEPY

WH...

WHAT
JUST
HAPPENED
!?







JUST
SHUT UP,
ACE.

AND
STOP
SQUIRM-
ING.

NO
FAIR! oo

I'M
SURE THE
CASTLE'S
BACK
THERE!

DON'T
PULL
ME.



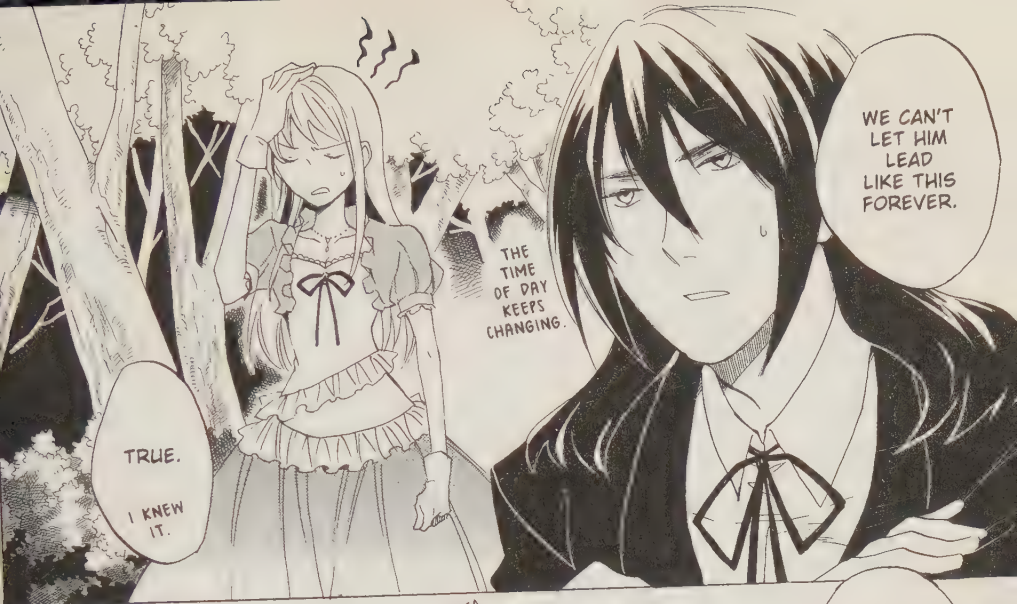
WHOA.

WE
ACTUALLY
MADE IT.

HUFF HUFF

YOU
GUYS
KNOW
YOUR
STUFF.

I WASN'T
EXPECTING
TO MAKE IT
FOR ANOTHER
THREE TIME
PERIODS AT
LEAST!

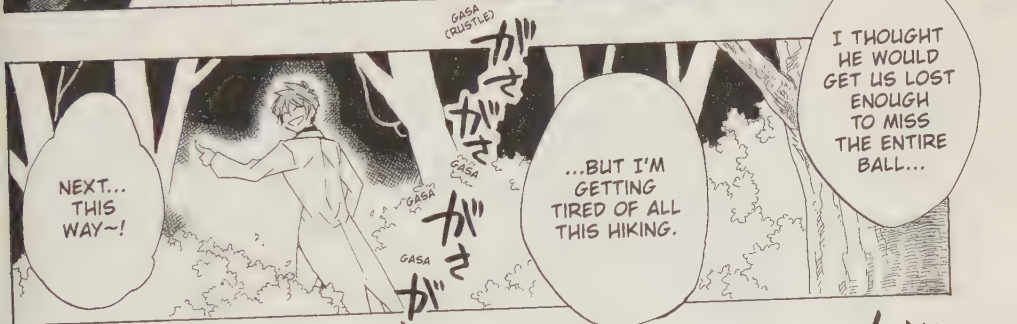


WE CAN'T
LET HIM
LEAD
LIKE THIS
FOREVER.

THE
TIME
OF DAY
KEEPS
CHANGING.

TRUE.

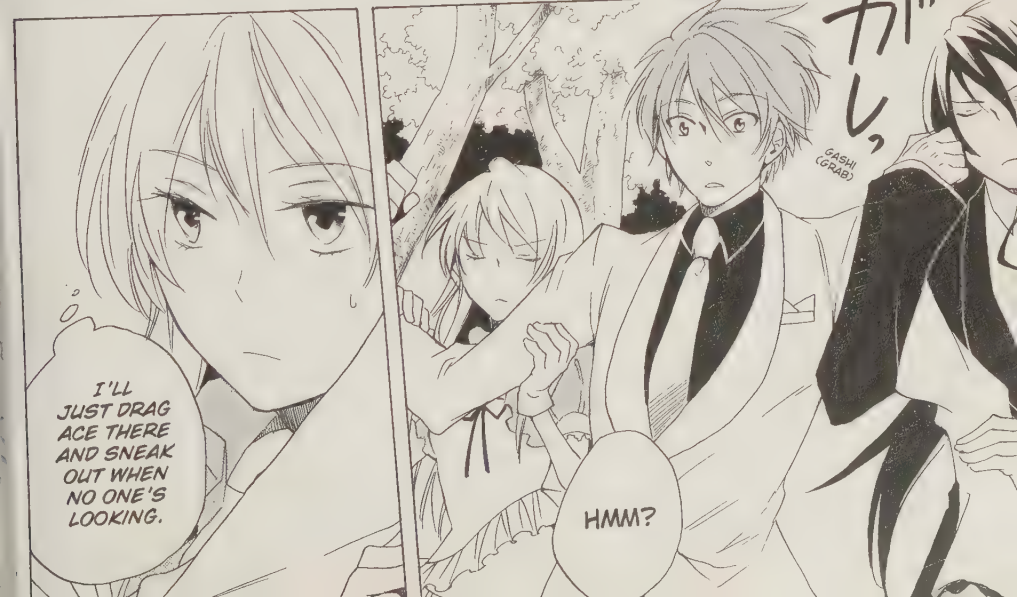
I KNEW
IT.



NEXT...
THIS
WAY~!

...BUT I'M
GETTING
TIRED OF ALL
THIS HIKING.

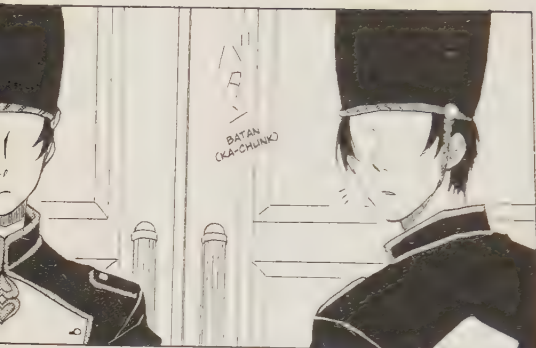
I THOUGHT
HE WOULD
GET US LOST
ENOUGH
TO MISS
THE ENTIRE
BALL...



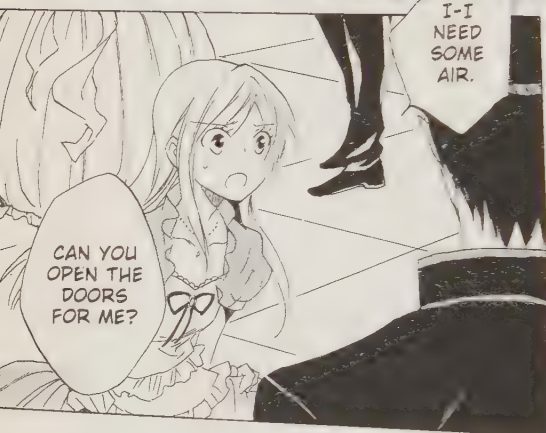
I'LL
JUST DRAG
ACE THERE
AND SNEAK
OUT WHEN
NO ONE'S
LOOKING.

HMM?

GASHI
(GRAB)

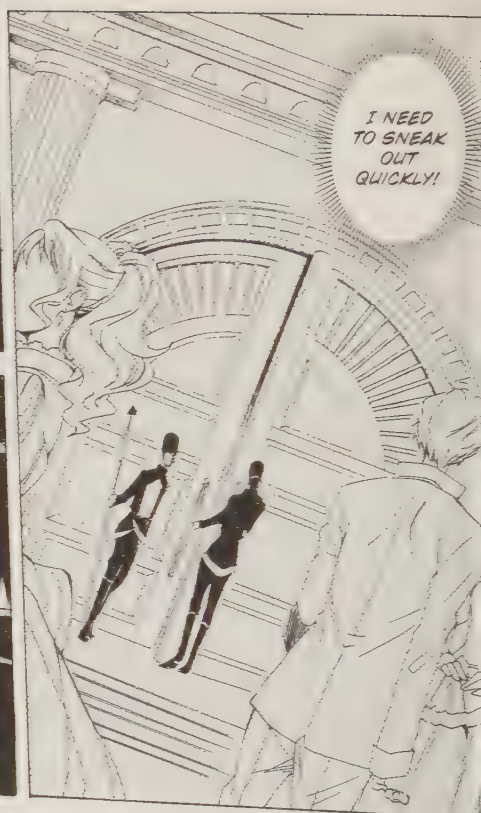


BATAN
(KA-CHUNK)



I-I
NEED
SOME
AIR.

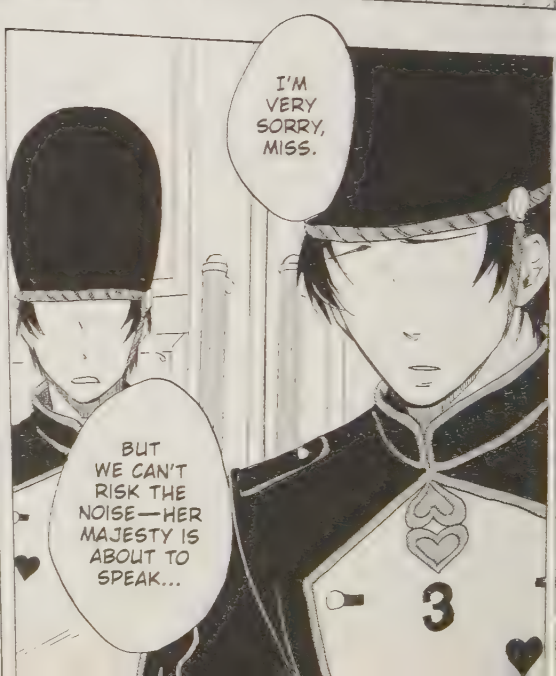
CAN YOU
OPEN THE
DOORS
FOR ME?



I NEED
TO SNEAK
OUT
QUICKLY!



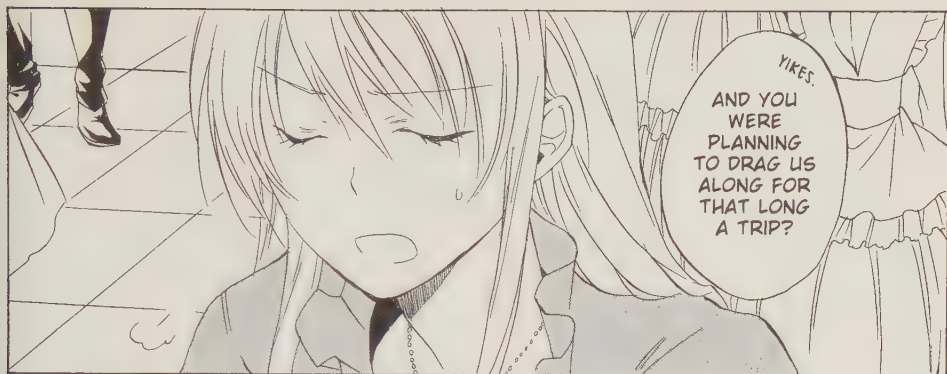
BUT
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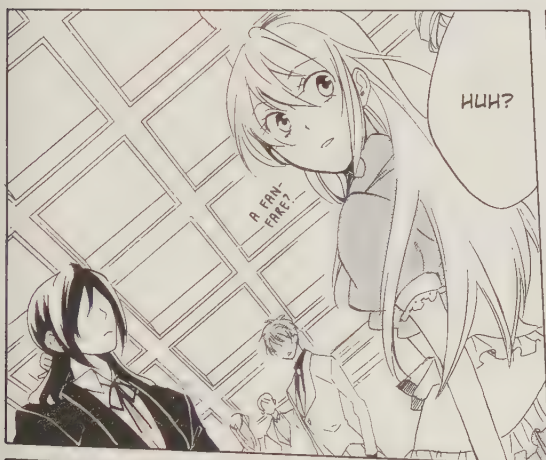
I'M
VERY
SORRY,
MISS.

BUT
WE CAN'T
RISK THE
NOISE—HER
MAJESTY IS
ABOUT TO
SPEAK...

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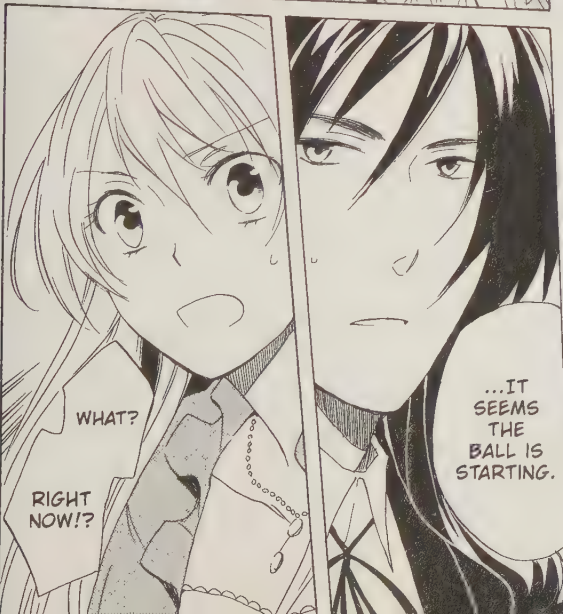


YIKES.
AND YOU
WERE
PLANNING
TO DRAG US
ALONG FOR
THAT LONG
A TRIP?



HUH?

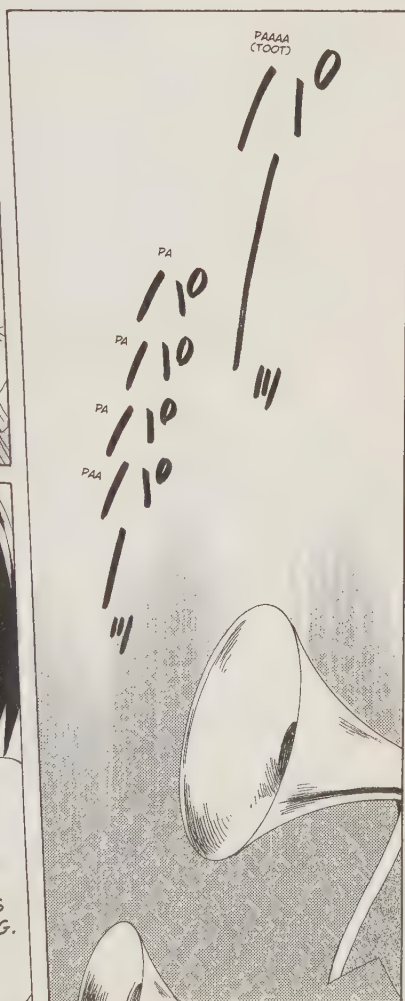
A FAN-
FARE?



WHAT?

RIGHT
NOW!?

...IT
SEEMS
THE
BALL IS
STARTING.

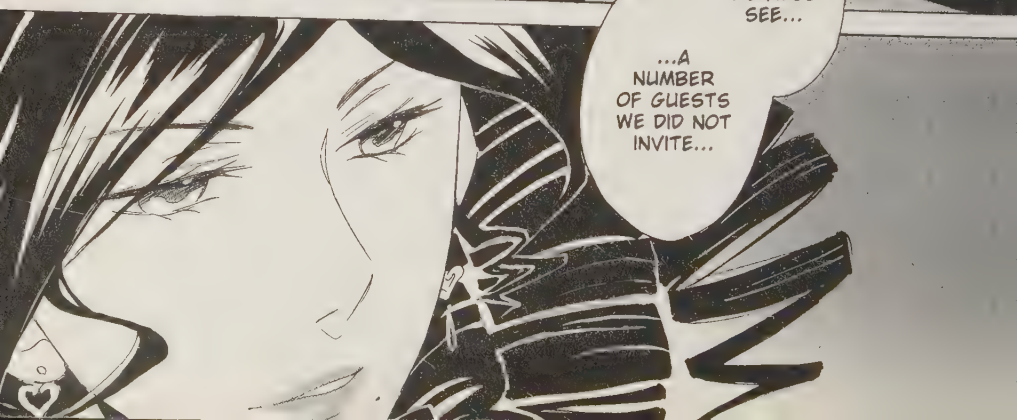




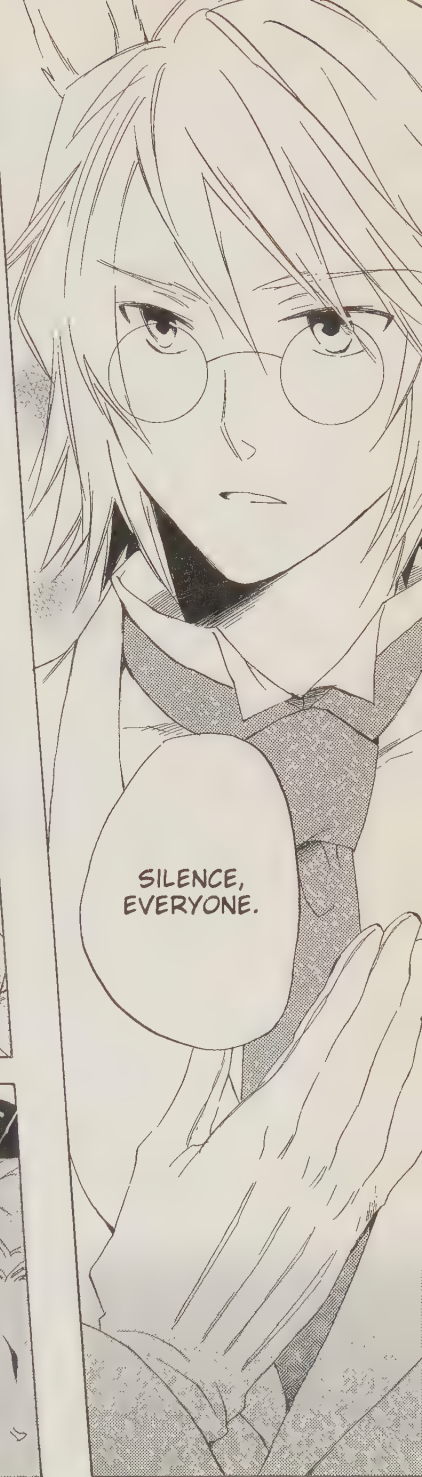
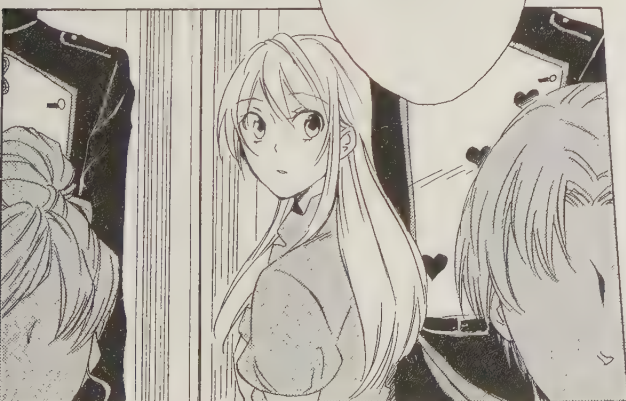
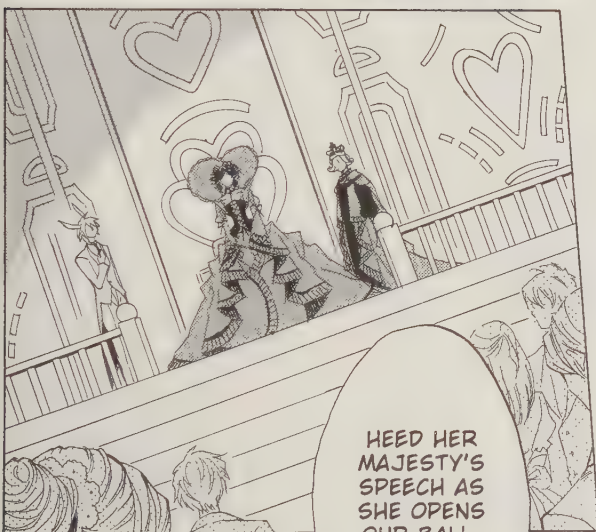
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64
(55K)

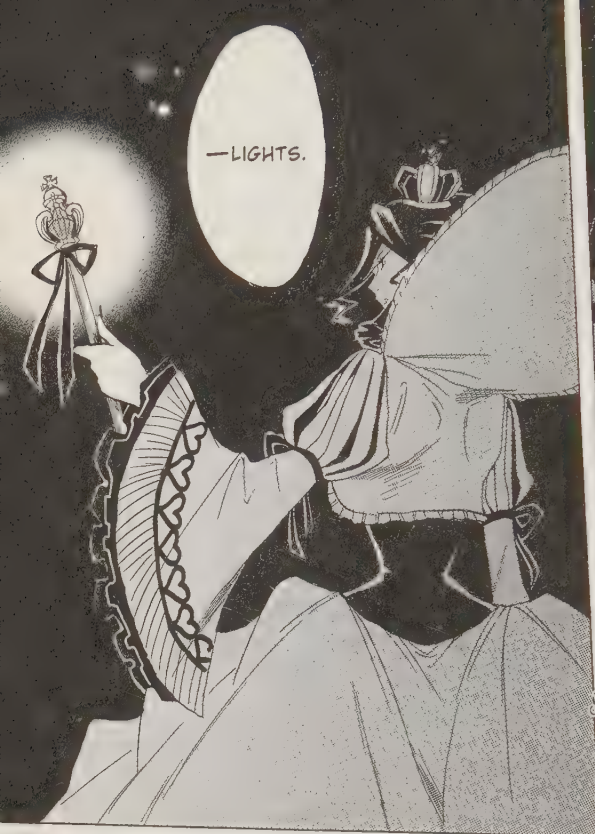
...WE SEE
THAT MANY
GUESTS
HAVE
GATHERED
AT OUR
CASTLE
THIS DAY.

AND
WE ALSO
SEE...

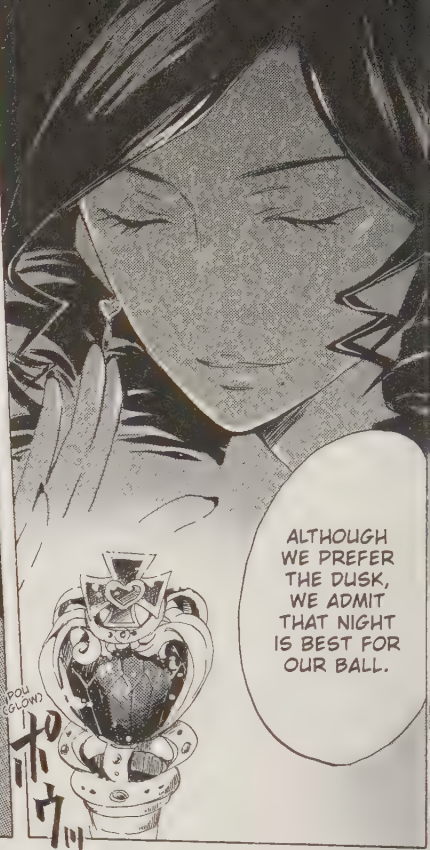


...A
NUMBER
OF GUESTS
WE DID NOT
INVITE...





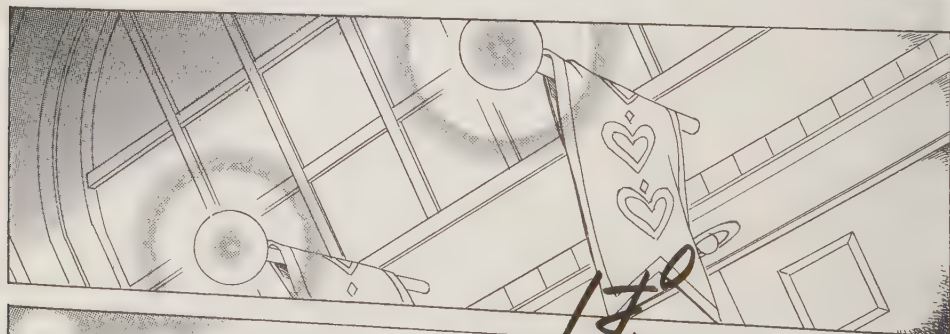
—LIGHTS.



ALTHOUGH
WE PREFER
THE DUSK,
WE ADMIT
THAT NIGHT
IS BEST FOR
OUR BALL.

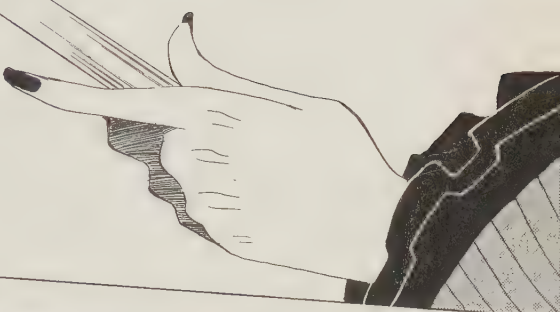
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GLOW

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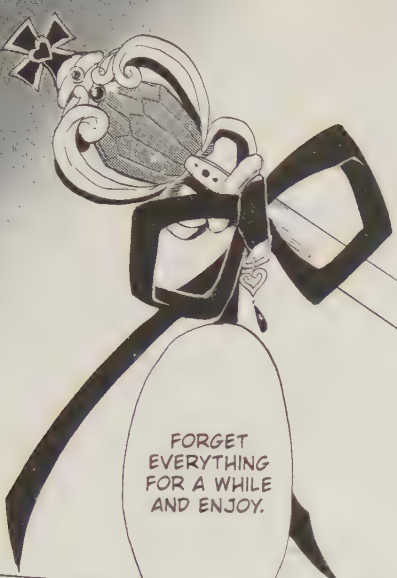


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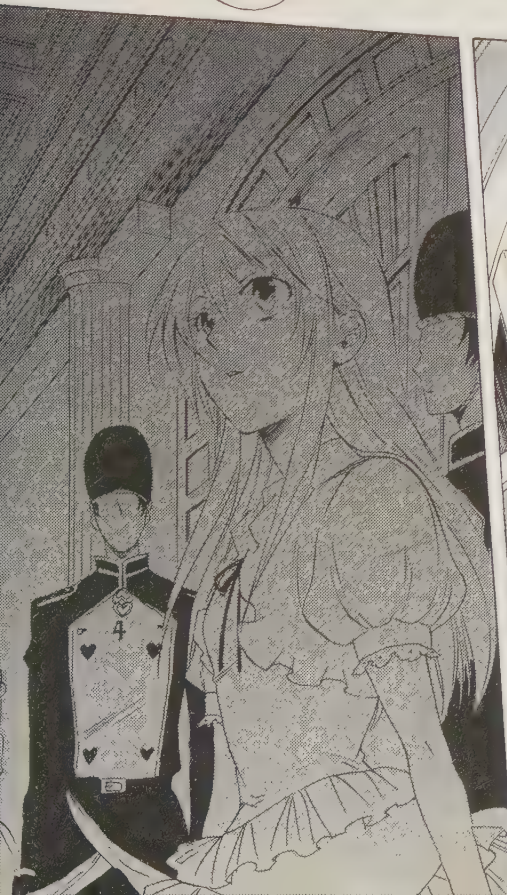
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(GLOWING)

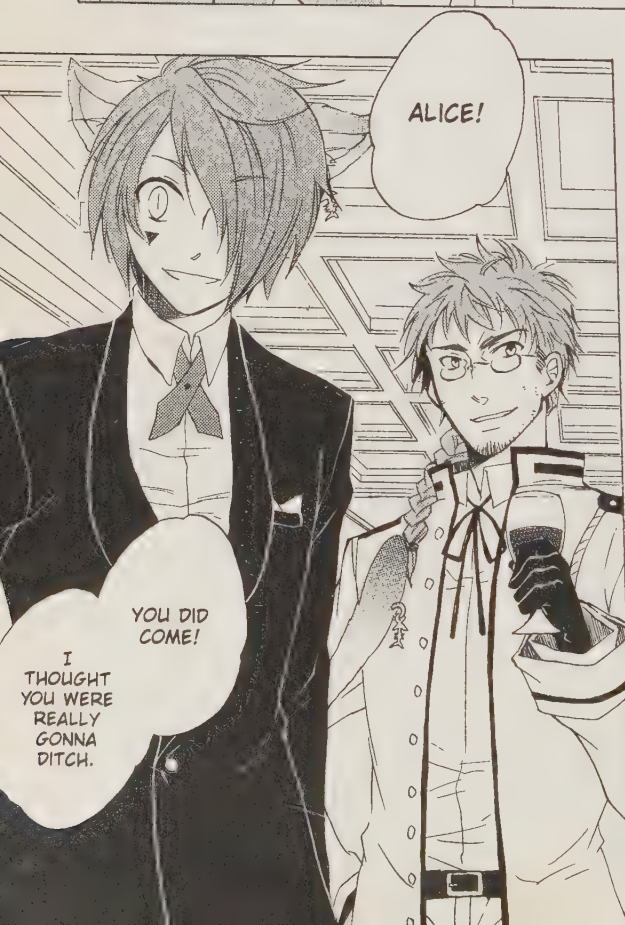
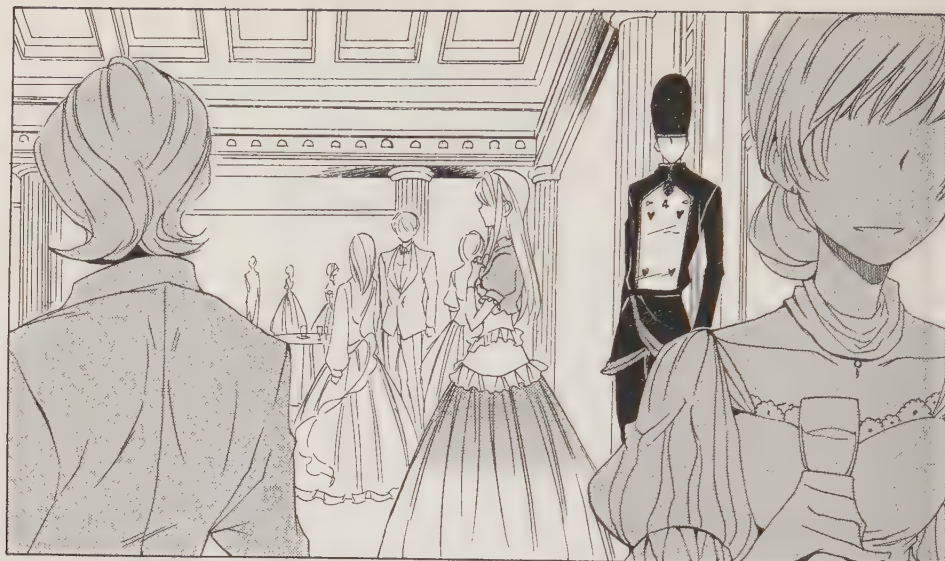


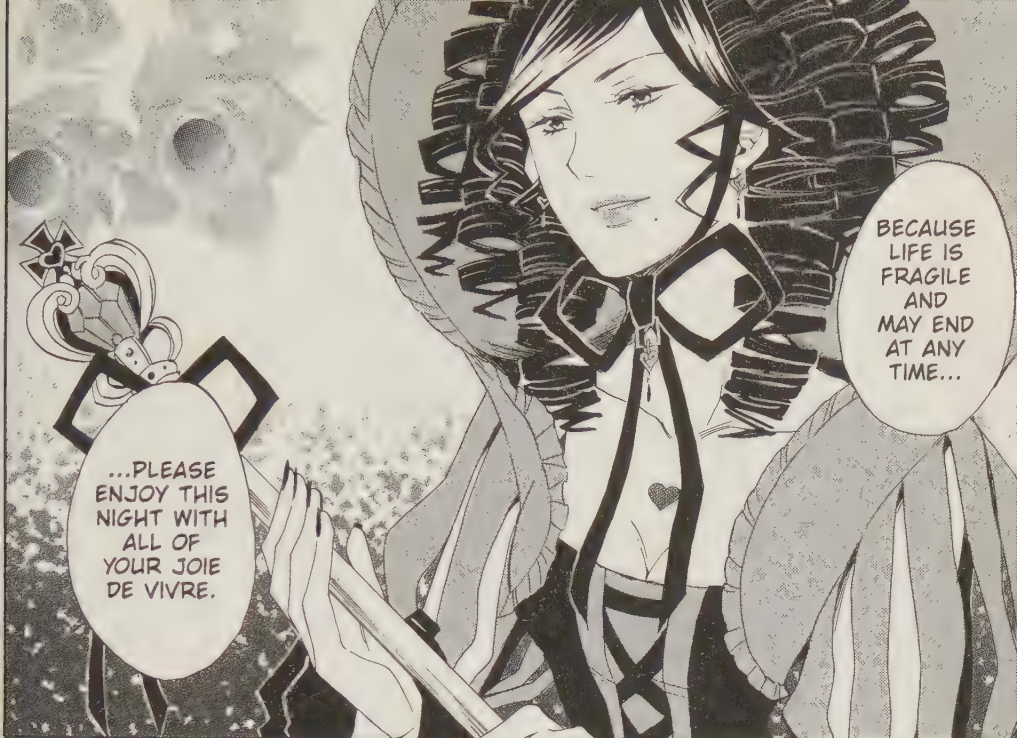
BUT
THIS IS A
NIGHT FOR
CELEBRATION.



FORGET
EVERYTHING
FOR A WHILE
AND ENJOY.







BECAUSE
LIFE IS
FRAGILE
AND
MAY END
AT ANY
TIME...

...PLEASE
ENJOY THIS
NIGHT WITH
ALL OF
YOUR JOIE
DE VIVRE.



V-
VIVALDI
...?

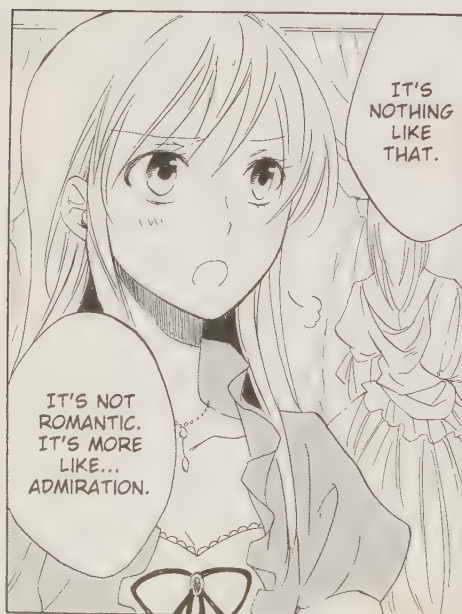
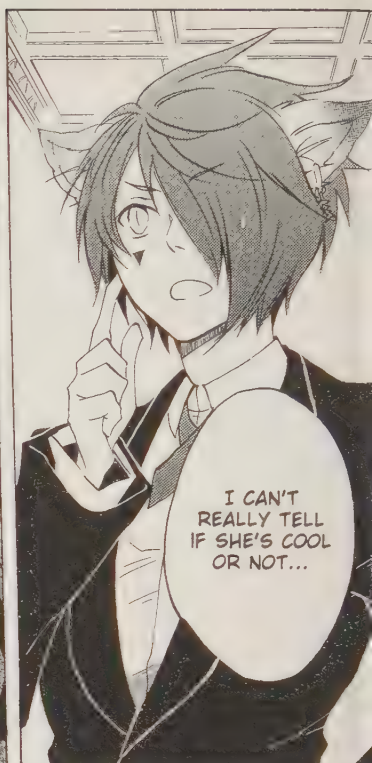
THAT
WAS VERY
SHORT...

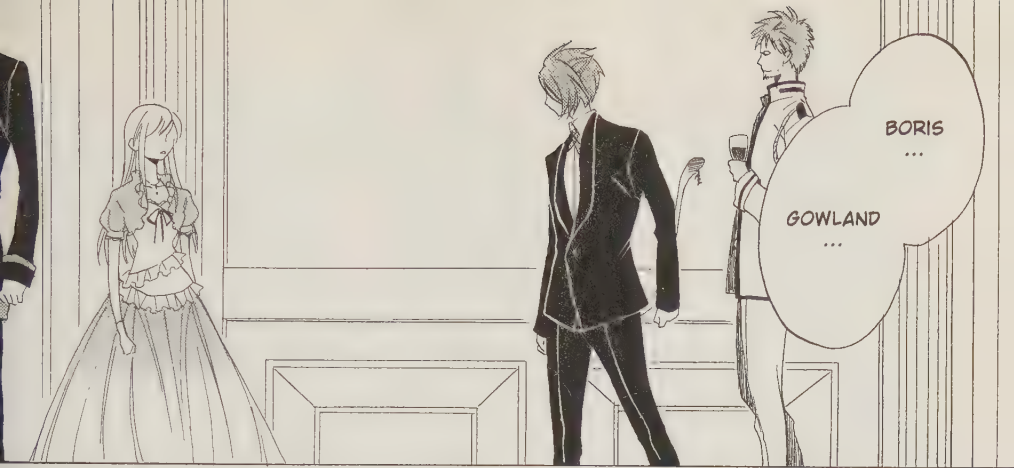
THAT WAS
VERY LIKE
HER, FOR
SURE.

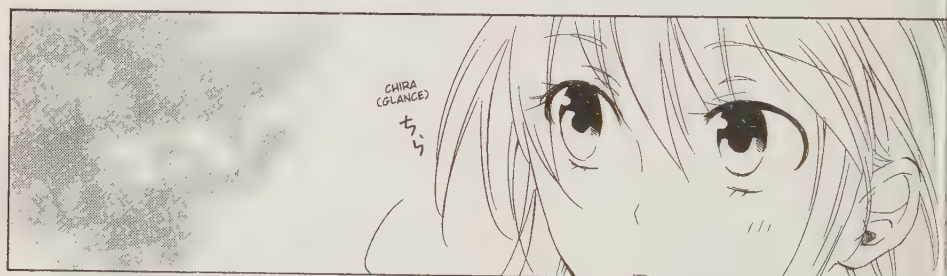
FRANK AND
FIERCE...



THAT
IS ALL.







EU
(SLIP)

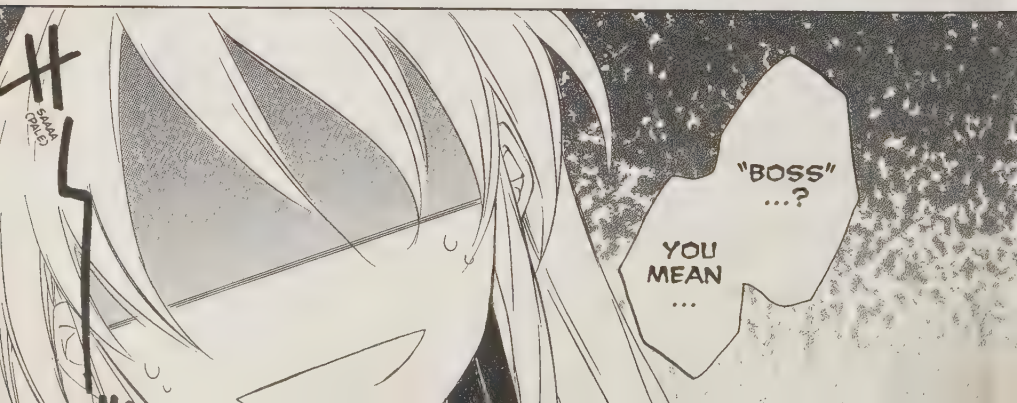
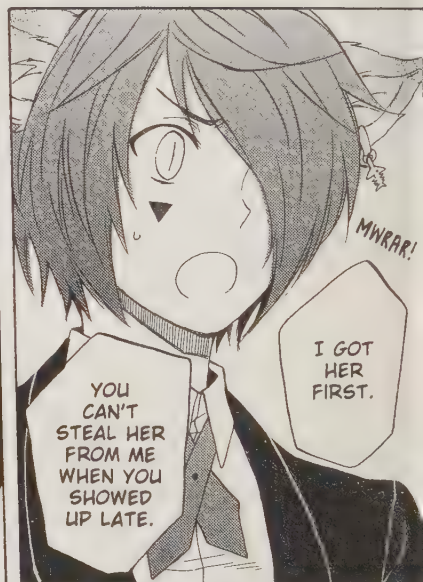
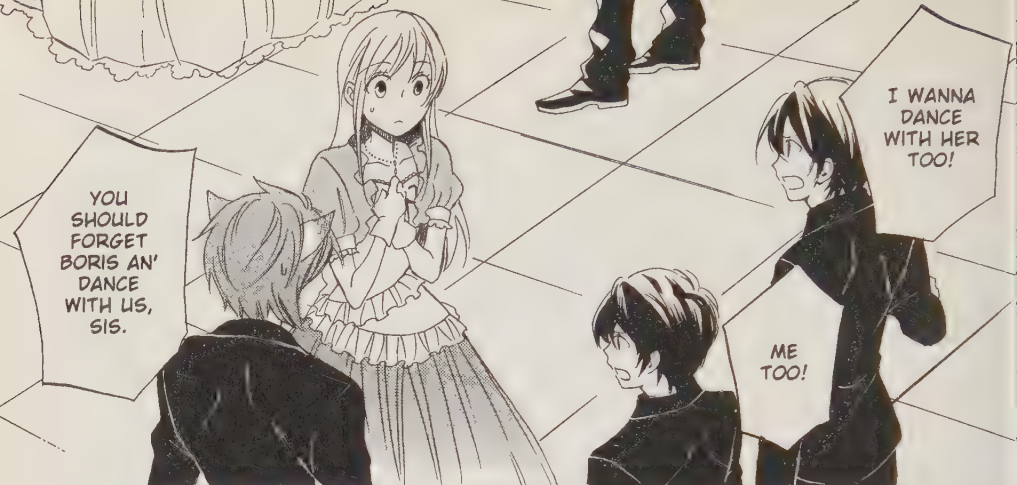
HUNH.

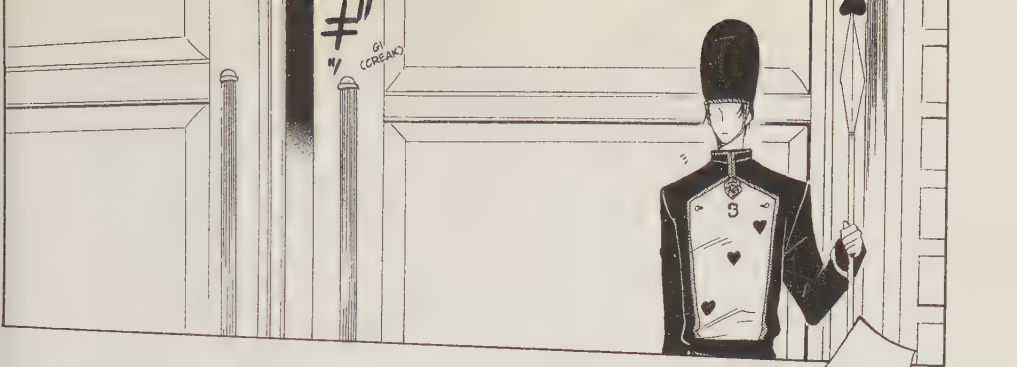
I DON'T
REALLY
GET IT,
BUT...

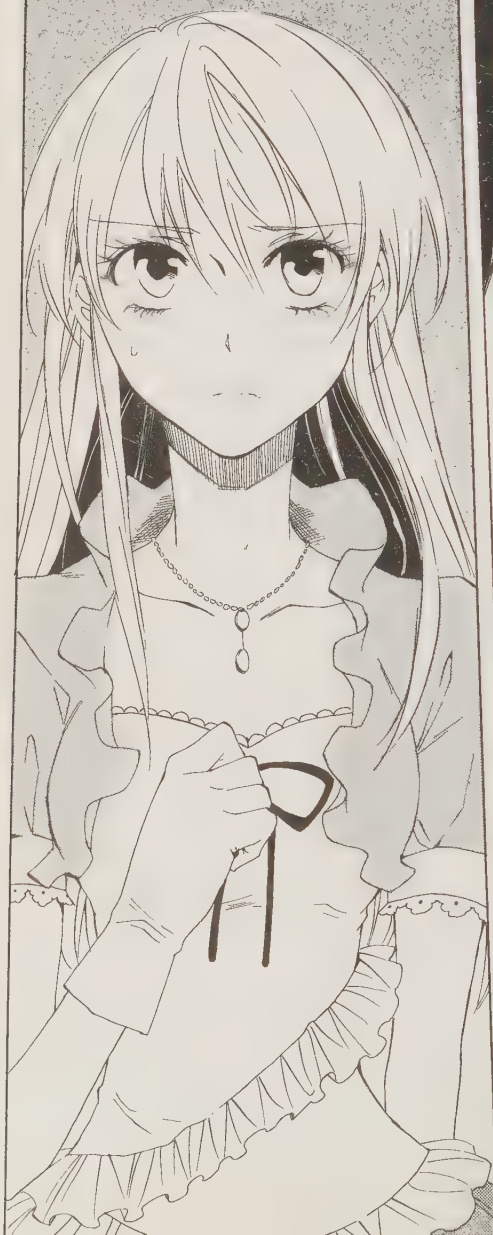
...YOU
SHOULD
LOOK
IN THE
MIRROR.

YOU'RE
PLENTY
"ENCHANTING"
YOURSELF.

AND THAT
DRESS IS
REALLY
PRETTY.

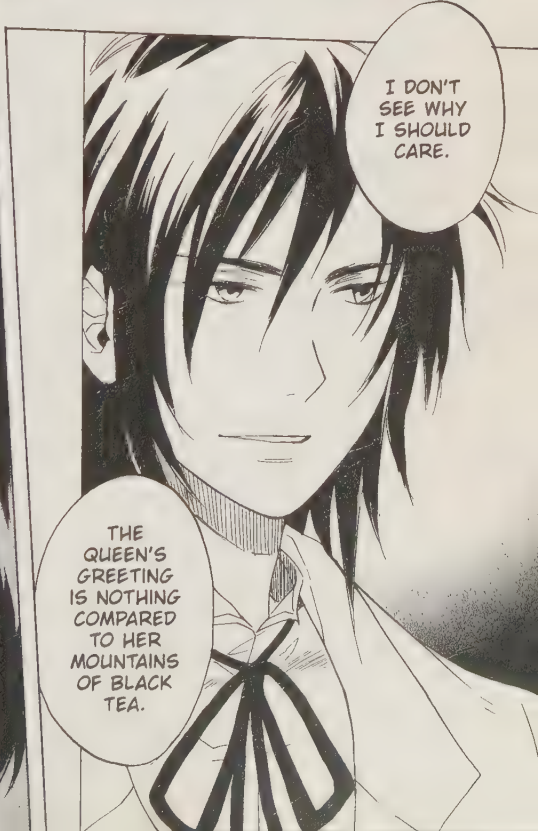
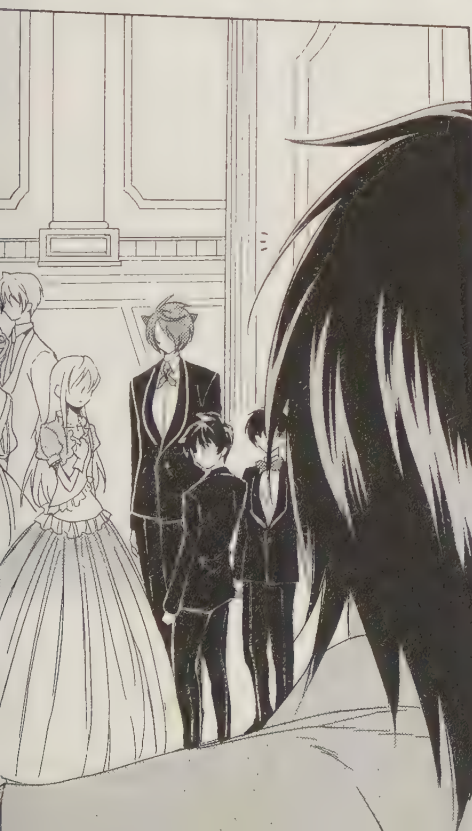






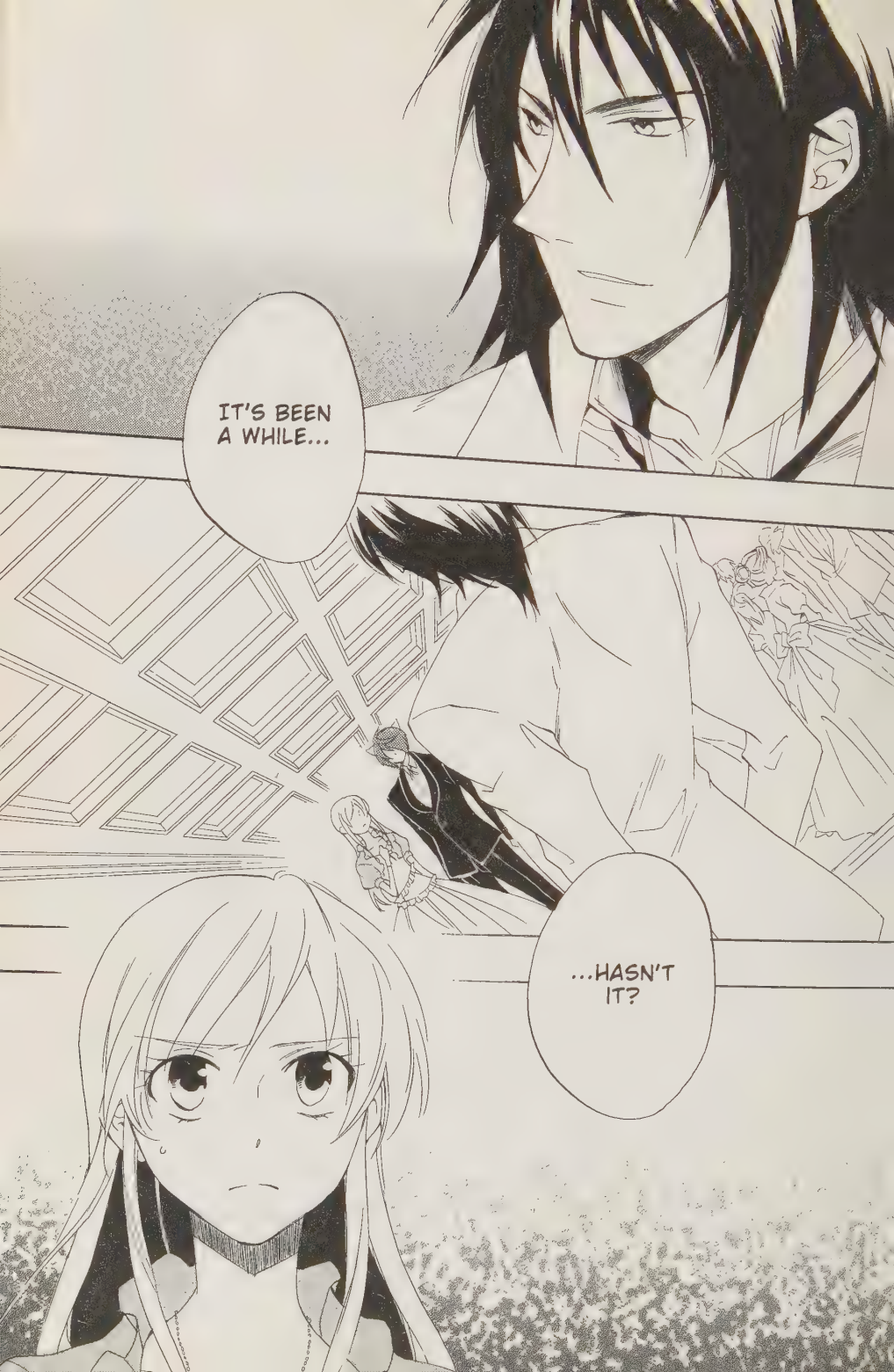
WELL.

LONG
TIME
NO SEE,
YOUNG
LADY.



I DON'T
SEE WHY
I SHOULD
CARE.

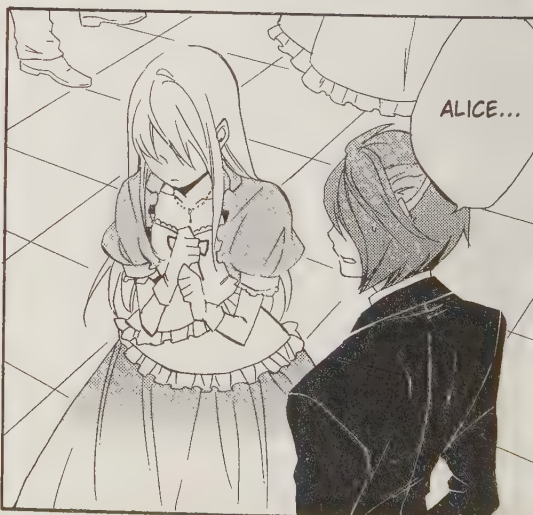
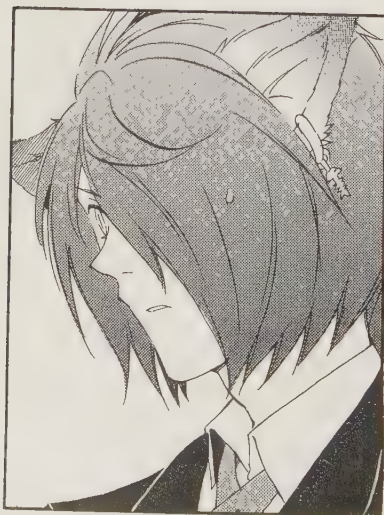
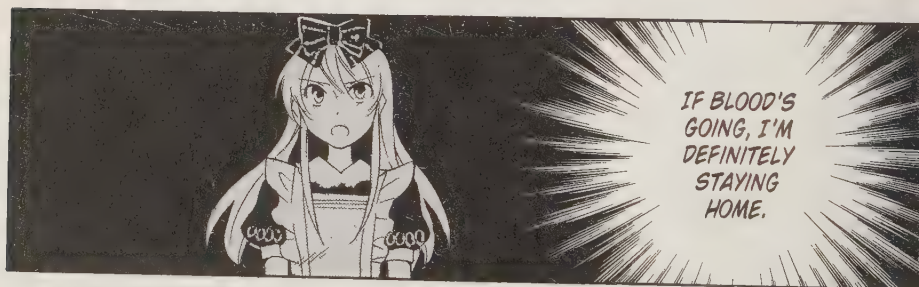
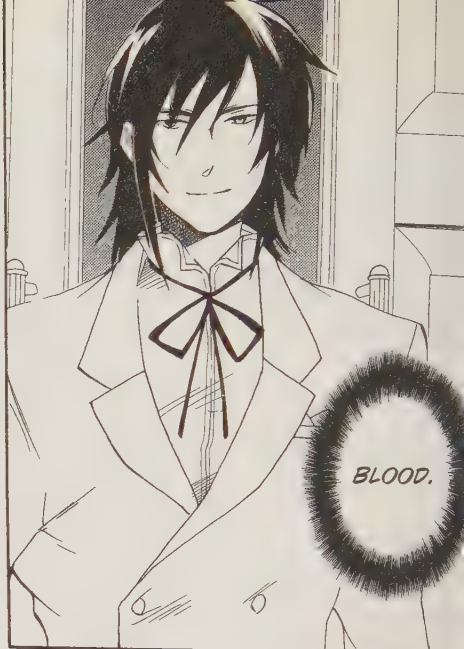
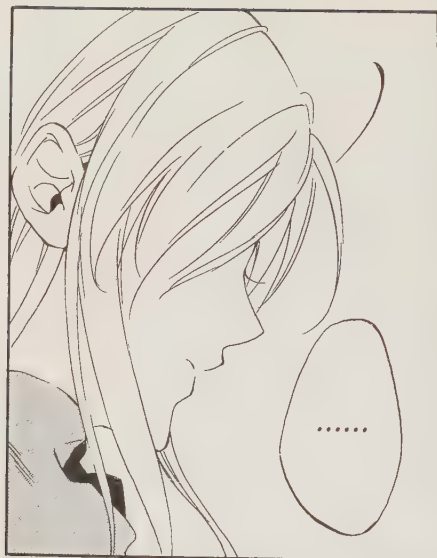
THE
QUEEN'S
GREETING
IS NOTHING
COMPARED
TO HER
MOUNTAINS
OF BLACK
TEA.



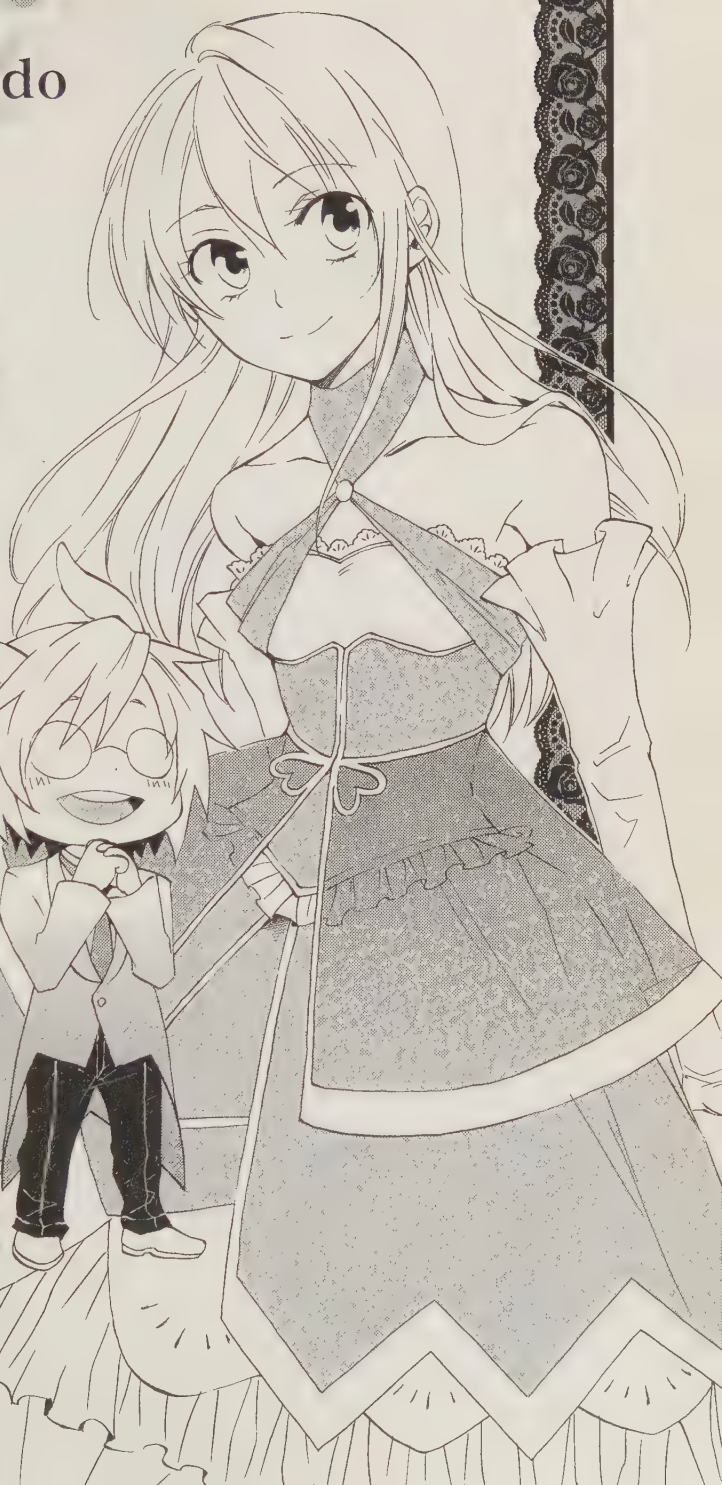
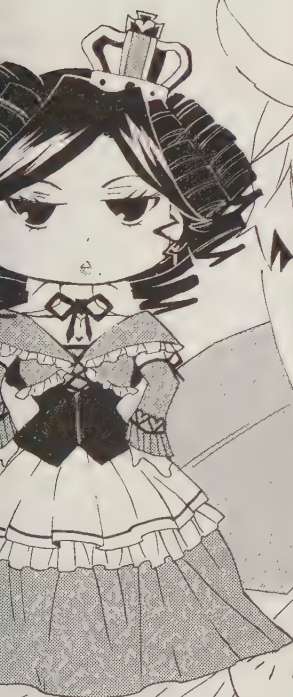
IT'S BEEN
A WHILE...

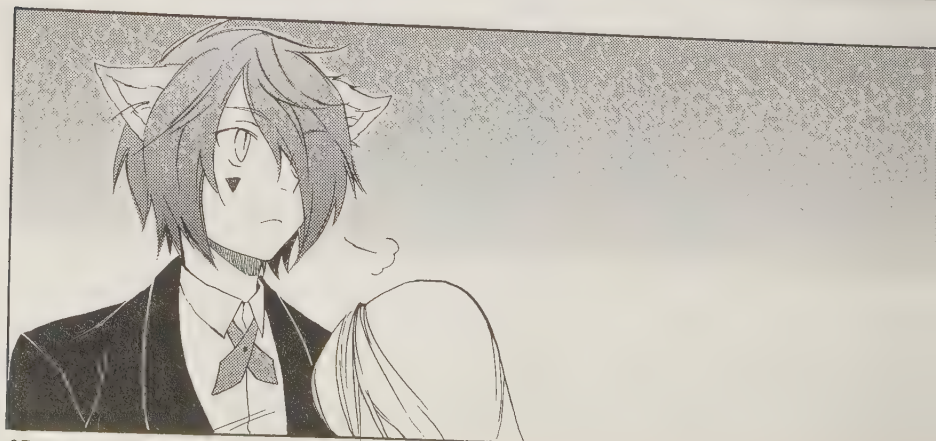
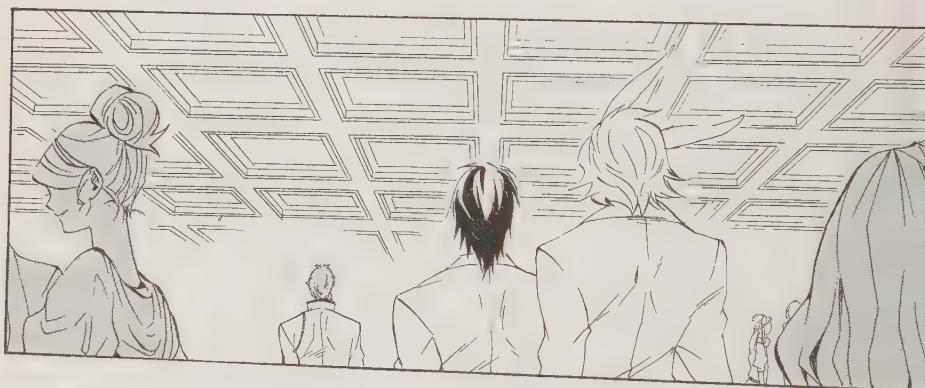
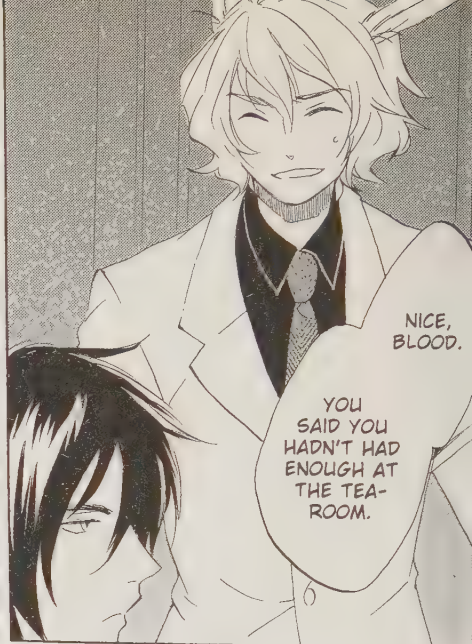
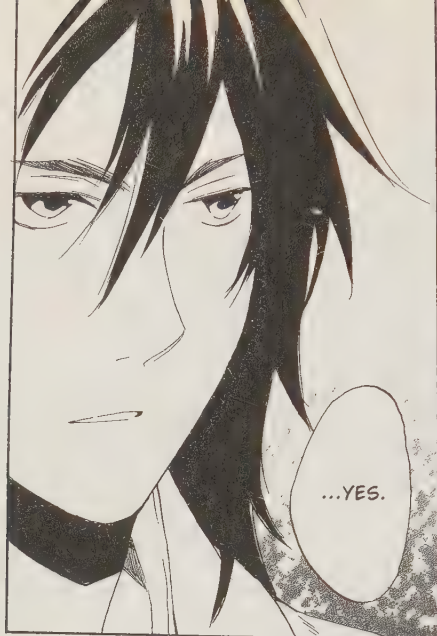
...HASN'T
IT?

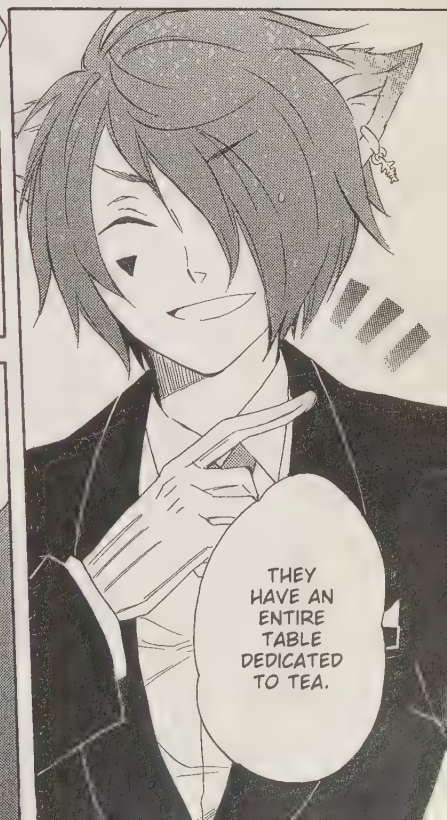
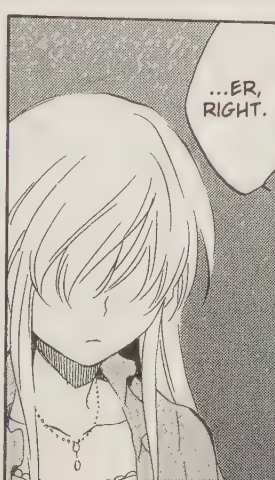
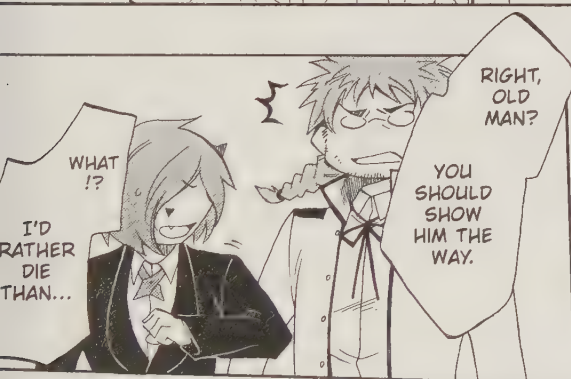
ALICE IN THE
COUNTRY OF HEARTS



♥27 Rondo

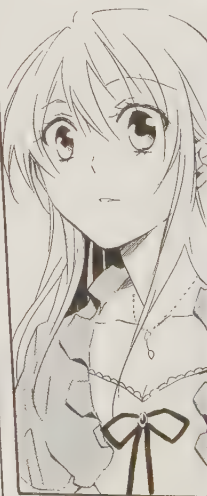




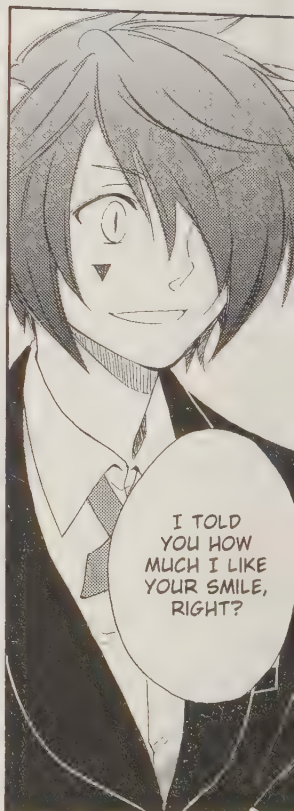


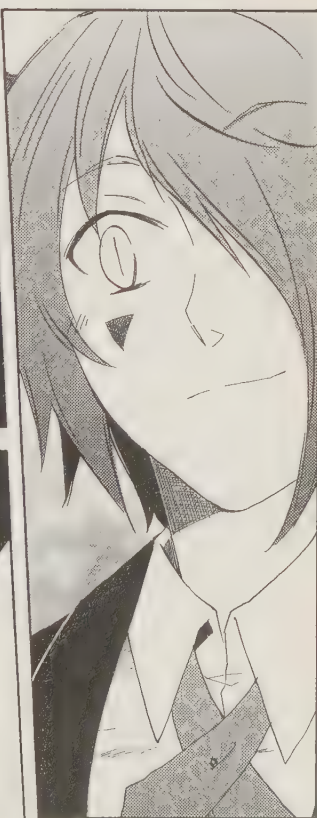
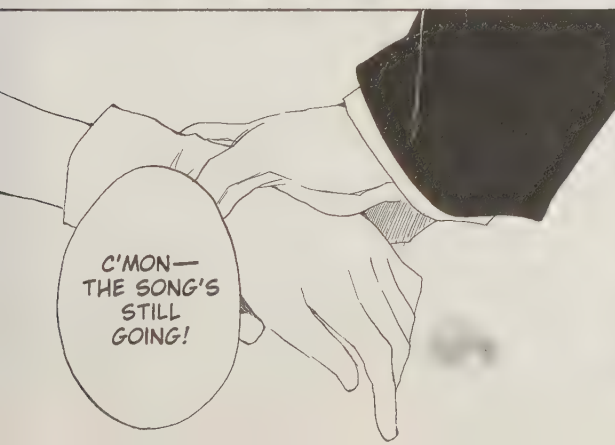
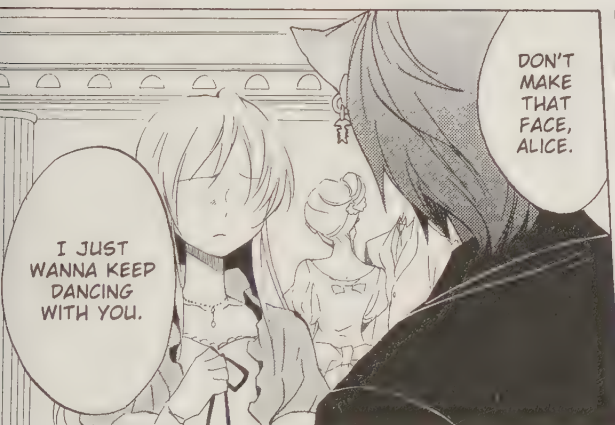


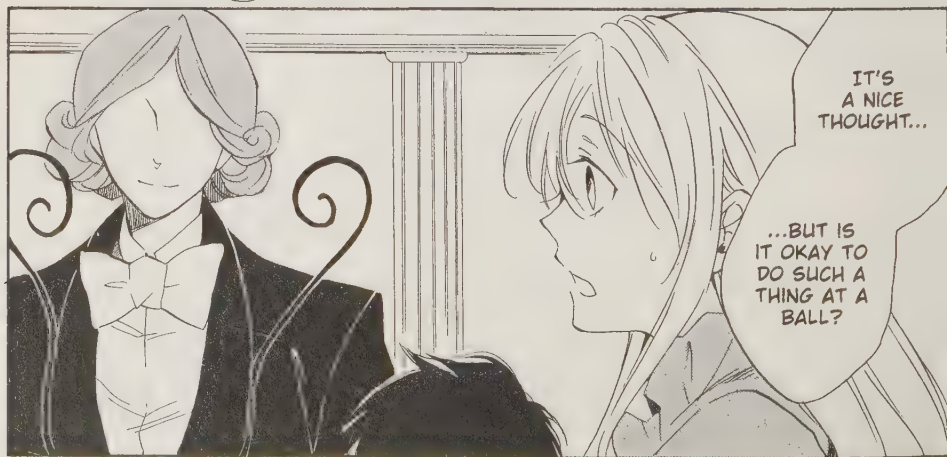
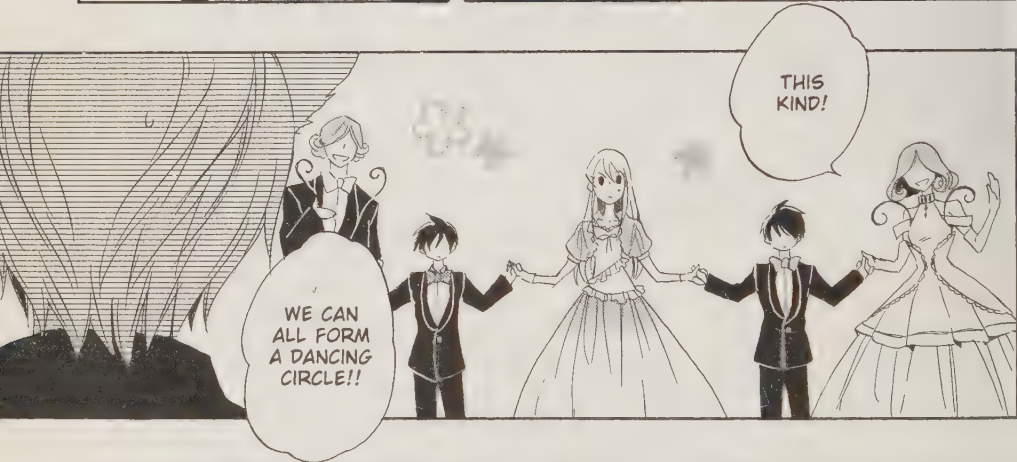
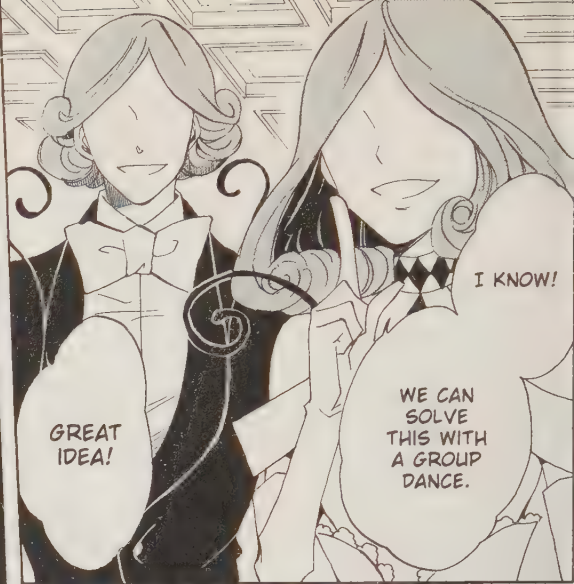
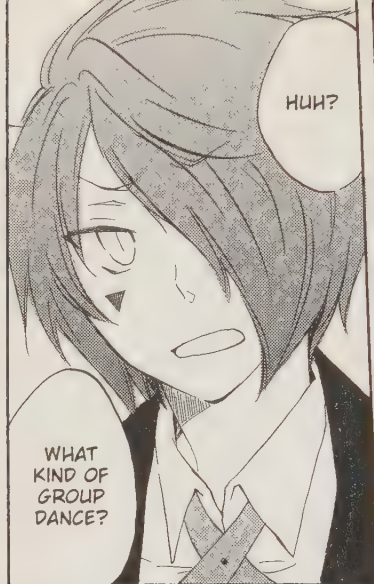
I WANT
YOU TO
ALWAYS BE
SMILING!

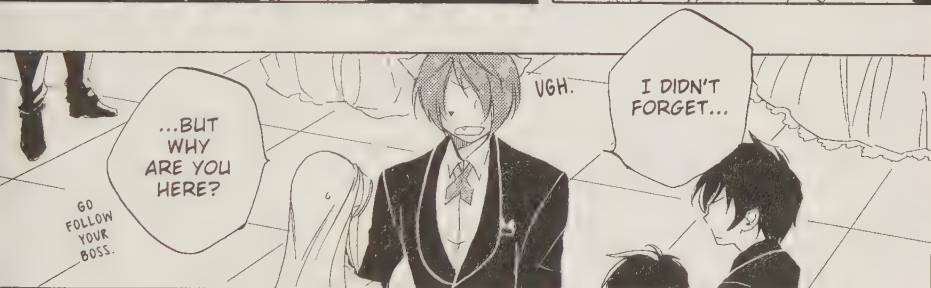


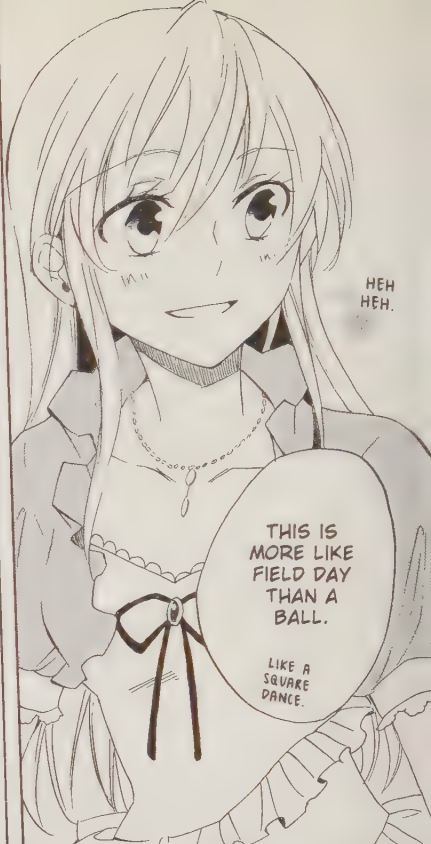
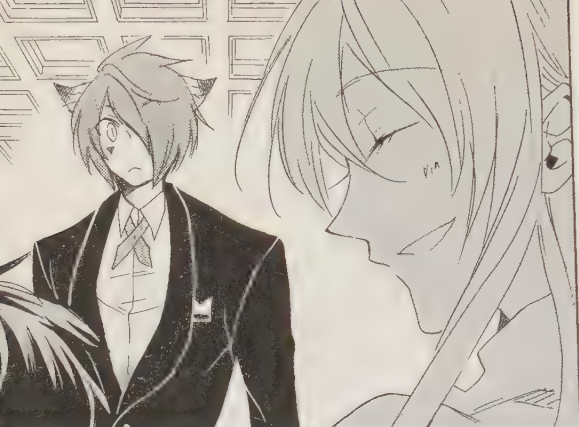
I TOLD
YOU HOW
MUCH I LIKE
YOUR SMILE,
RIGHT?











HEH
HEH.

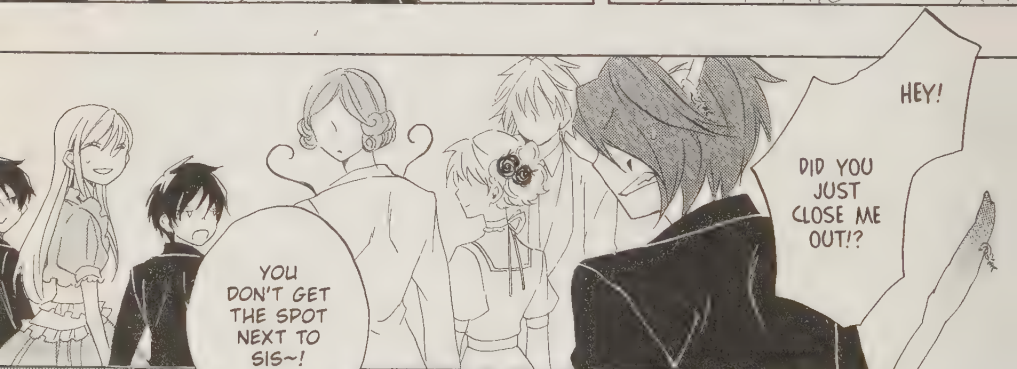
THIS IS
MORE LIKE
FIELD DAY
THAN A
BALL.

LIKE A
SQUARE
DANCE.



WHAT-
EVER.

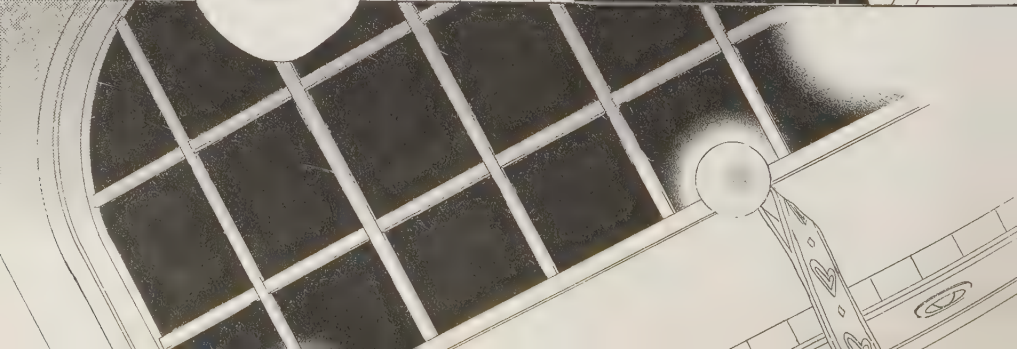
SO
LONG AS
YOU'RE
HAVING
FUN.

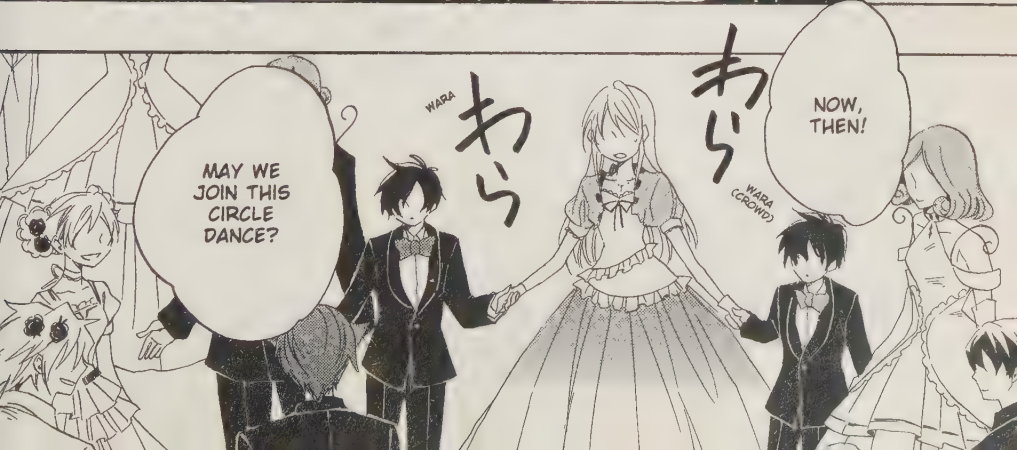
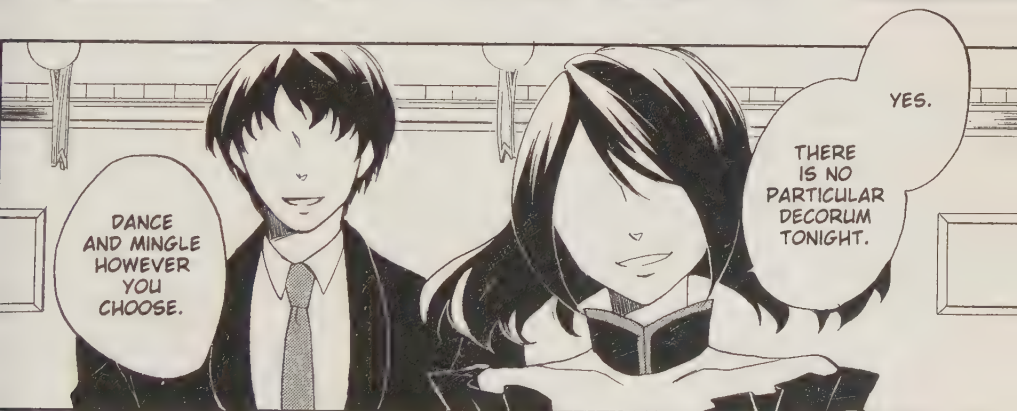
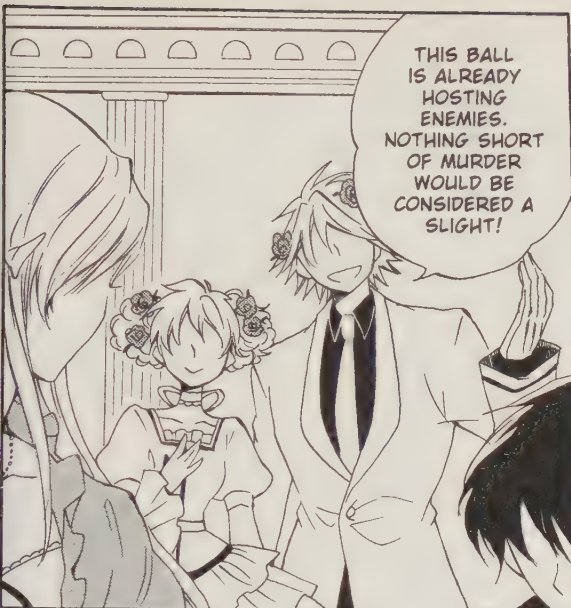


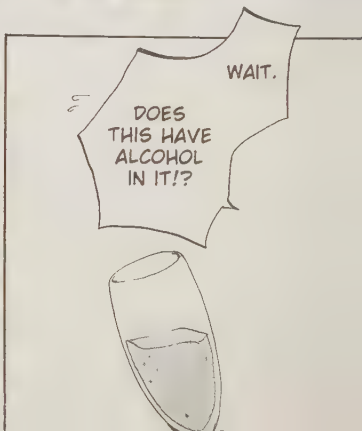
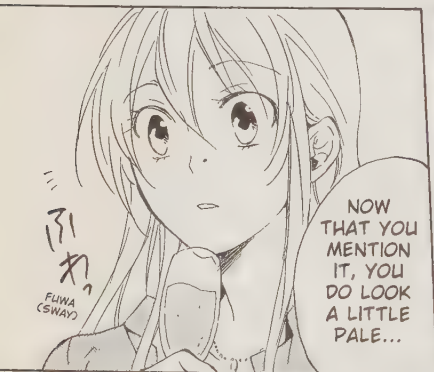
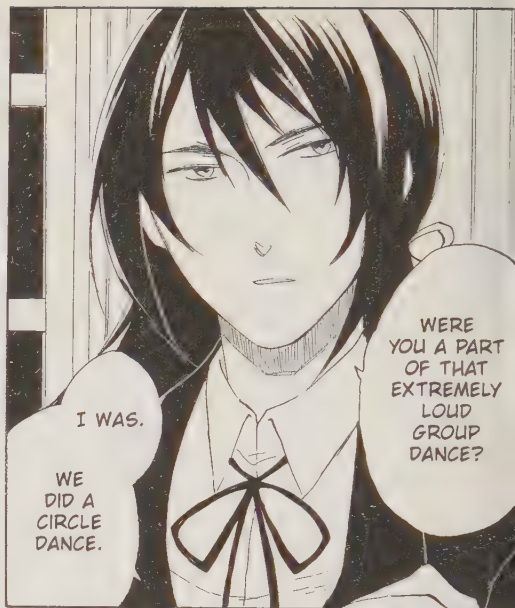
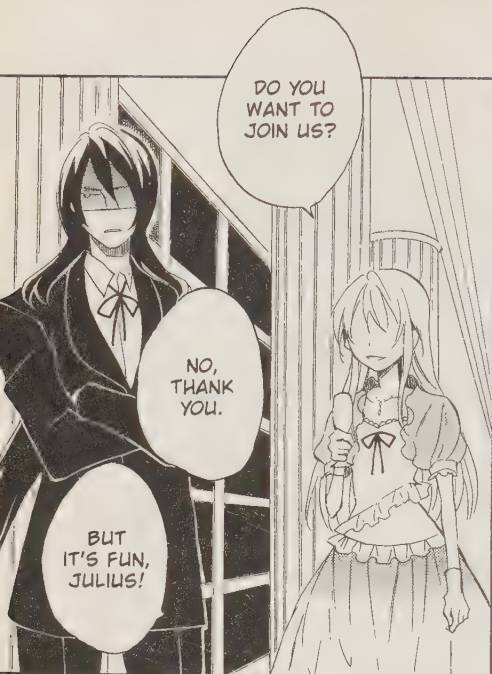
HEY!

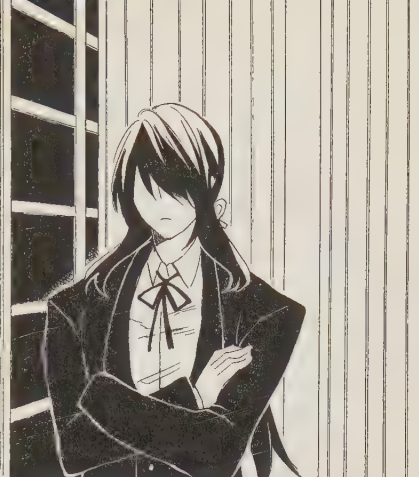
DID YOU
JUST
CLOSE ME
OUT!?

YOU
DON'T GET
THE SPOT
NEXT TO
SIS~!









I'M
JUST
TAKING A
BREAK
BECAUSE
I'M
THIRSTY.



ARE
YOU DONE
DANCING?



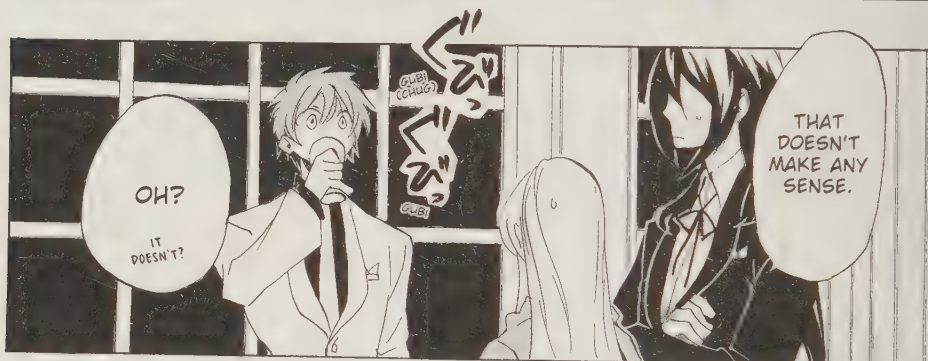


...BUT
AS I KEPT
DRINKING, I
SOBERED UP
A LITTLE.

SO I'M TRYING
TO GET TIPSY
AGAIN.

I WAS
DRUNK
EARLIER.

I HAVEN'T
DRUNK LIKE
THIS IN
A WHILE,
SO I GOT
TIPSY RIGHT
AWAY...



OH?

IT
DOESN'T?

THAT
DOESN'T
MAKE ANY
SENSE.



HMPH...

THIS IS
WHY MEN
DISGUST
US.



CAN
I EX-
CHANGE
THIS
FOR WATER?

I
REALLY
DON'T
WANT
TO GET
DRUNK.

HERE.

SORRY.

BUT...
BOOZE
IS LIFE,
ALICE!



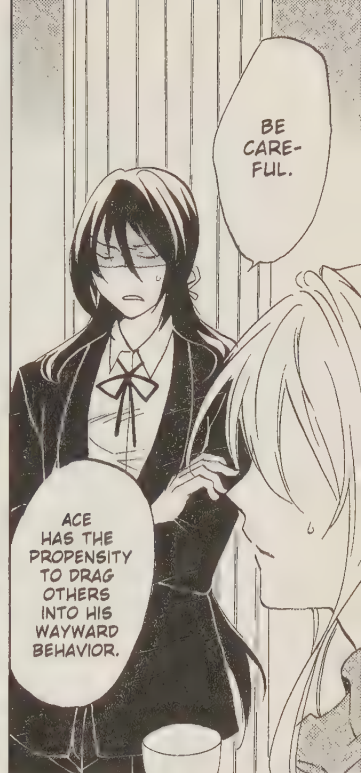
THE
EXPERIENCE
OF
ACCIDENTAL
BINGE
DRINKING,
YES.

OH,
LIGHTEN
UP.

THAT'S
WHAT
PARTIES
ARE FOR,
JULIUS.



JULIUS ...
YOU
SOUND
LIKE
YOU'RE
TALKING
FROM
EXPE-
RIENCE.



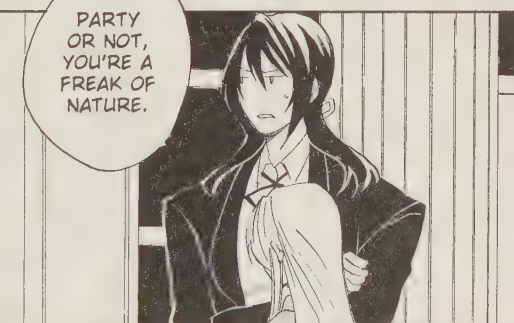
BE
CARE-
FUL.

ACE
HAS THE
PROPENSITY
TO DRAG
OTHERS
INTO HIS
WAYWARD
BEHAVIOR.



FREAK?

THAT'S
A MEAN
THING TO
SAY.



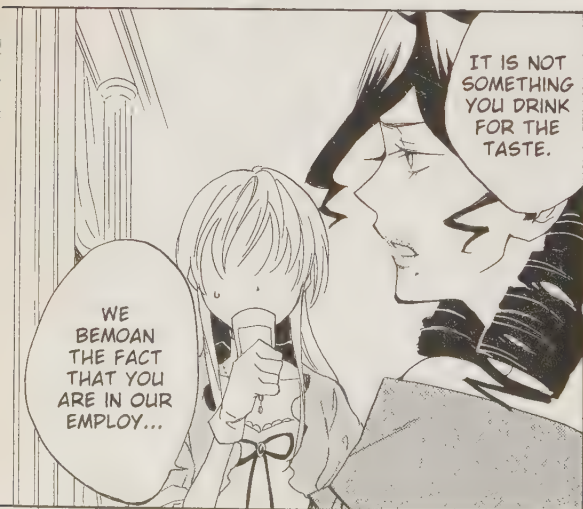
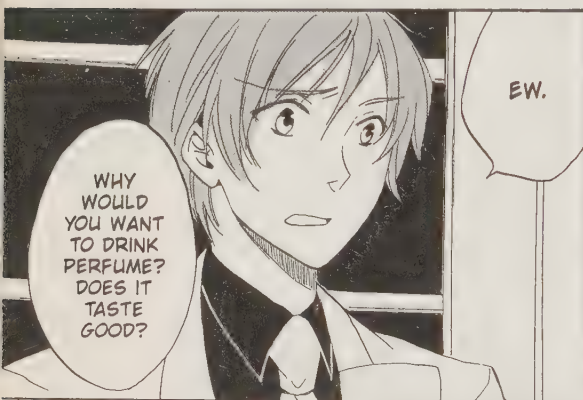
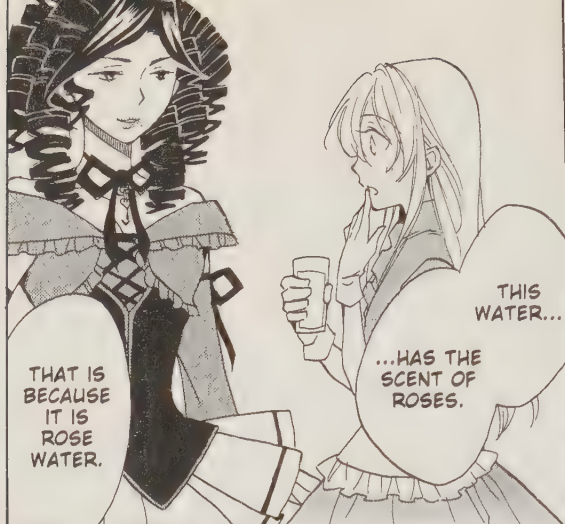
PARTY
OR NOT,
YOU'RE A
FREAK OF
NATURE.



THAT DOES
SOUND
FREAKY.

YOU'VE
BEEN
GUZZLING
THAT BOOZE
SINCE YOU
WALKED
THROUGH
THESE
DOORS, AND
YOU'RE NOT
EVEN
DRUNK.

HOW DOES
THAT NOT
MAKE YOU A
FREAK?



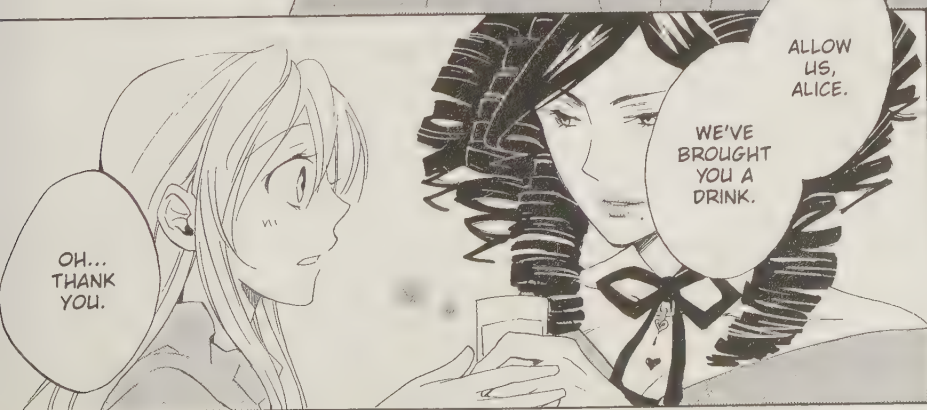


NOT ONLY
DO THEY
MAKE
THOUGHTLESS,
RISKY
CHOICES...

...THEY
TRY TO
FORCE THEIR
DEVIAN'T
WAYS ON
OTHERS.

HOW
UNSEEMLY.

VIVALDI!



ALLOW
US,
ALICE.

WE'VE
BROUGHT
YOU A
DRINK.

OH...
THANK
YOU.



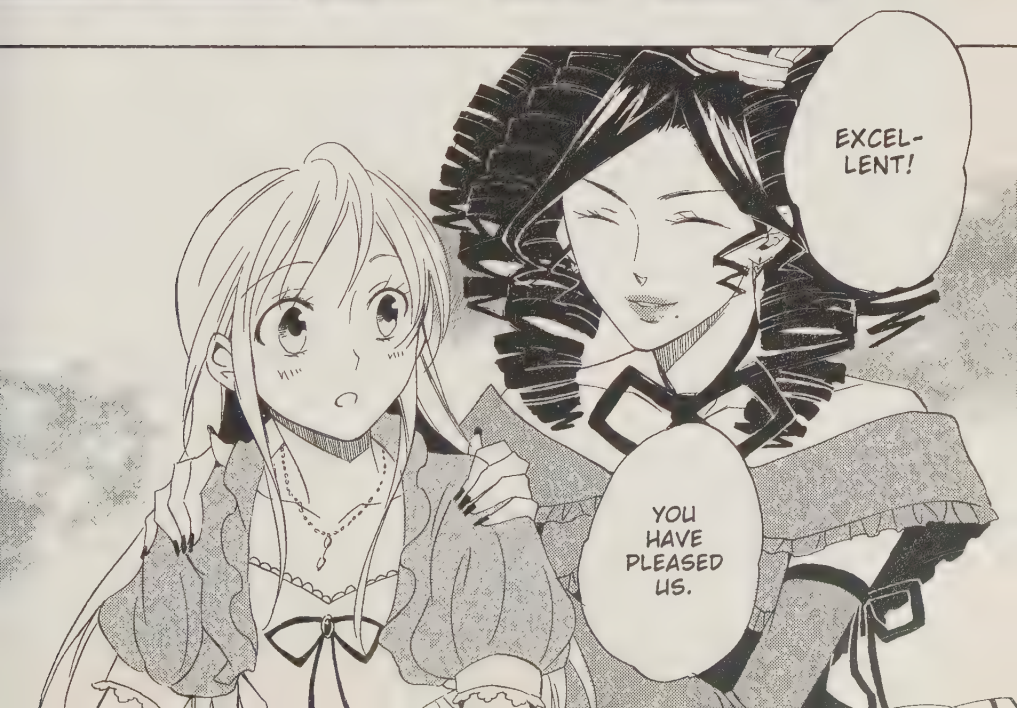
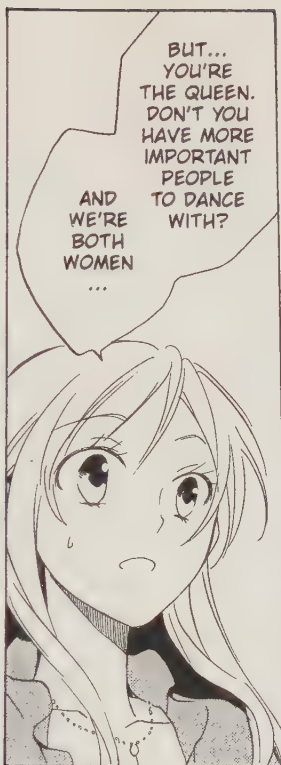
WOW.

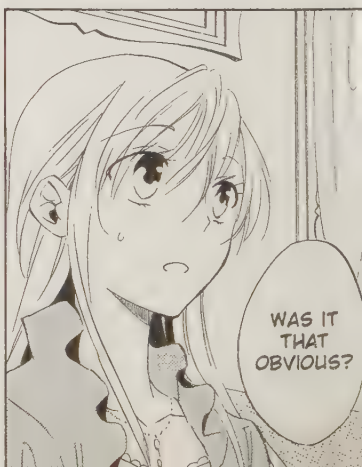
HER
DANCE IS
PERFECT.

I
REALLY
CAN'T
STEP
ON HER
TOES.

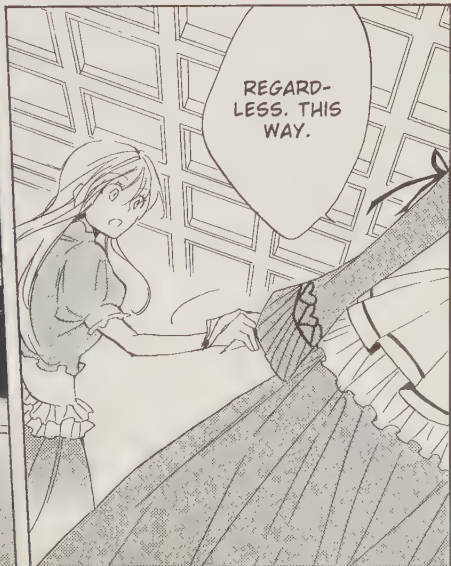
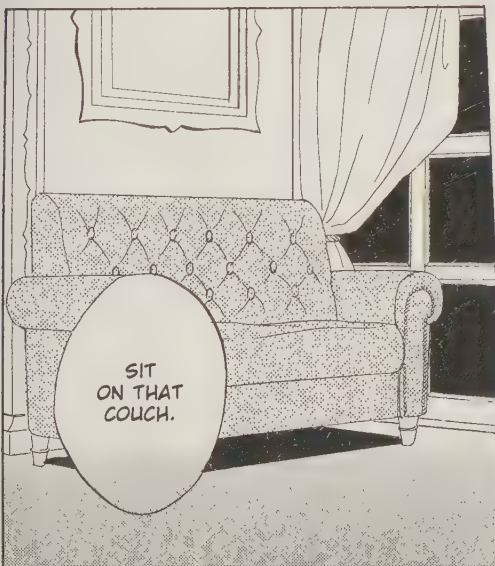
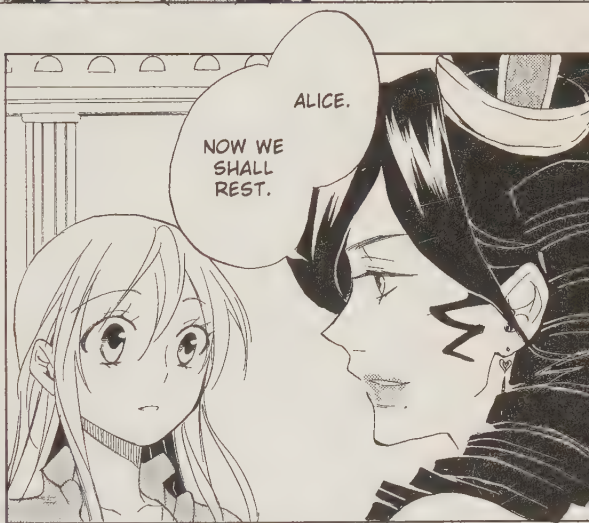
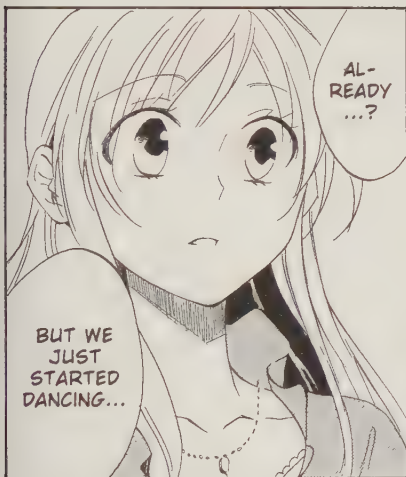


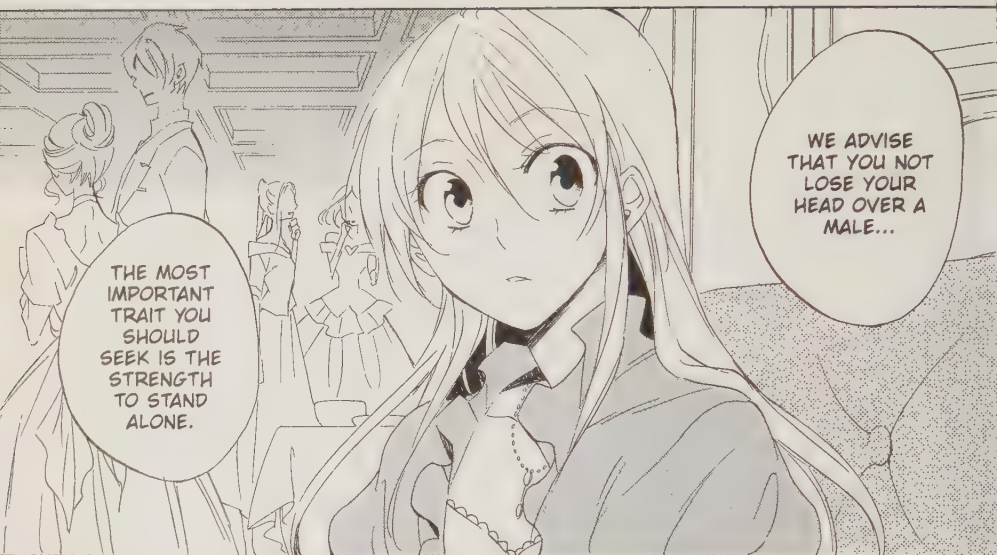
AND HER
PERFUME
SMELLS
LIKE ROSES
TOO—





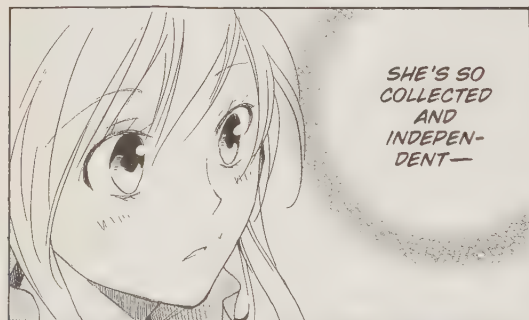
THOSE SHOES HAVE HIGHER HEELS THAN YOU GENERALLY WEAR.





THE MOST
IMPORTANT
TRAIT YOU
SHOULD
SEEK IS THE
STRENGTH
TO STAND
ALONE.

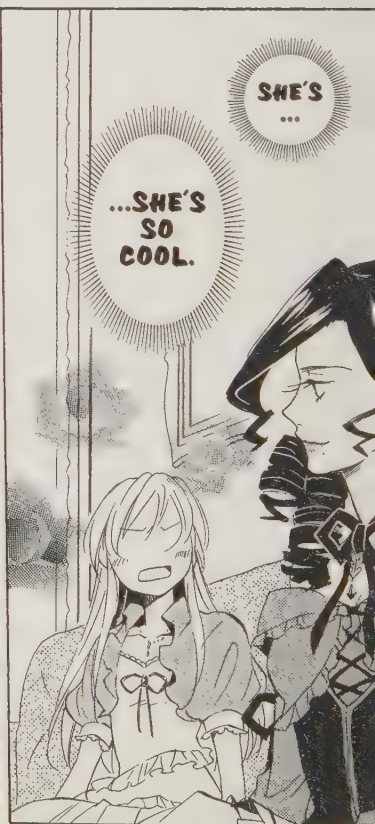
WE ADVISE
THAT YOU NOT
LOSE YOUR
HEAD OVER A
MALE...



SHE'S SO
COLLECTED
AND
INDEPEND-
ENT—

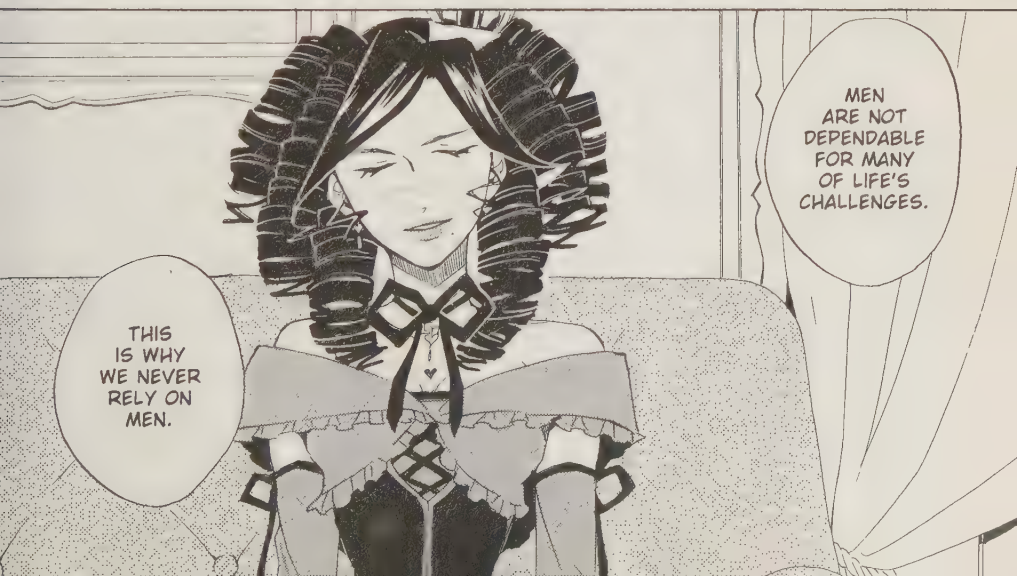
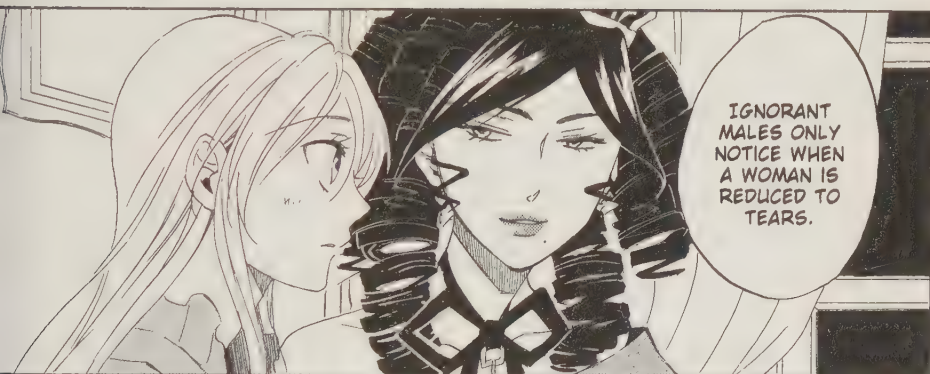
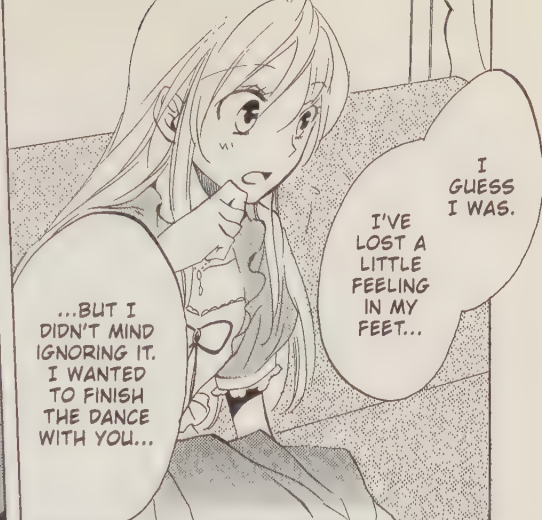


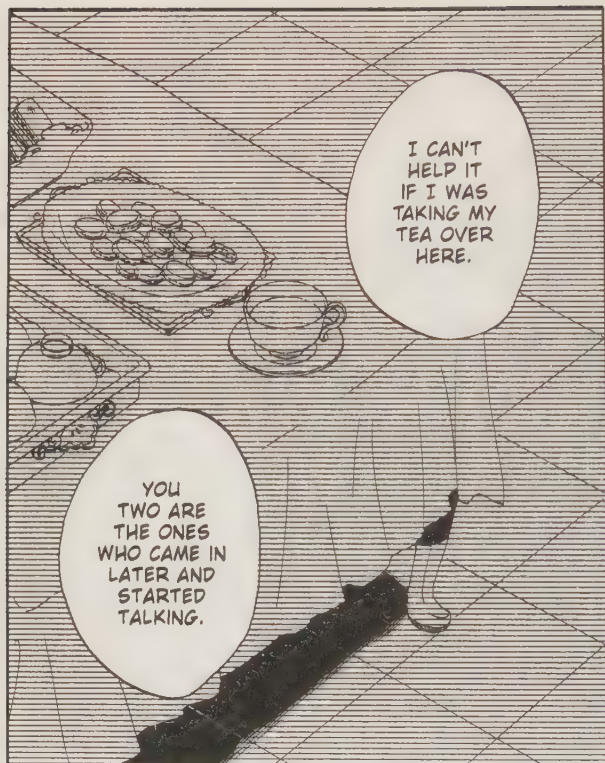
CAN
I GROW
STRONG
ENOUGH
TO BE LIKE
VIVALDI?

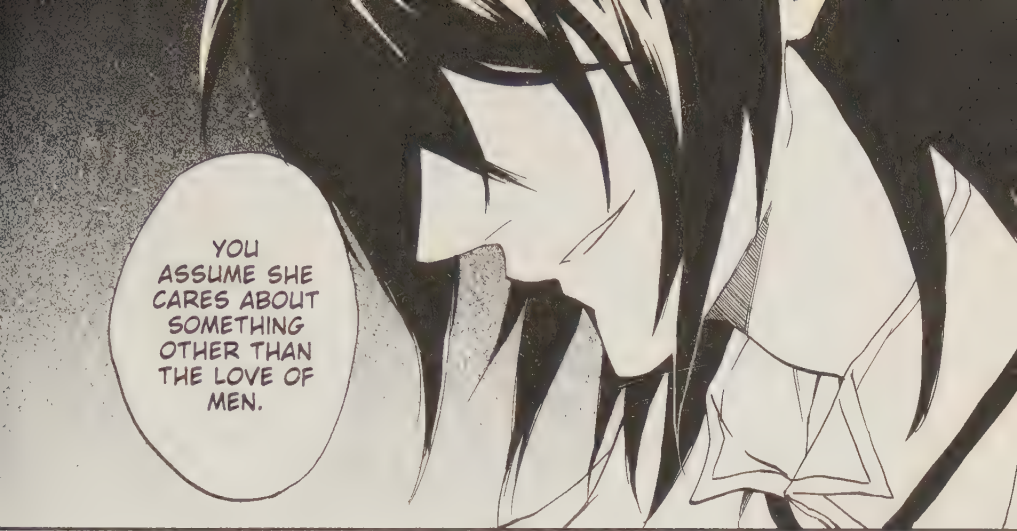


SHE'S
...

...SHE'S
SO
COOL.



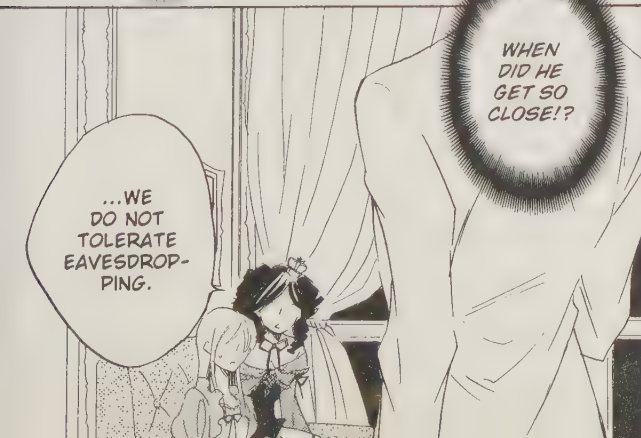




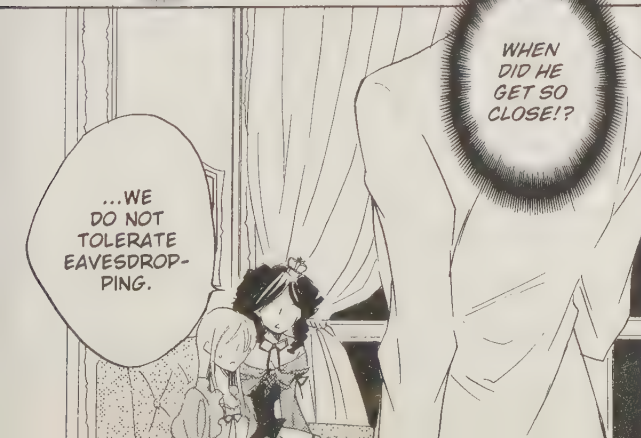
YOU
ASSUME SHE
CARES ABOUT
SOMETHING
OTHER THAN
THE LOVE OF
MEN.



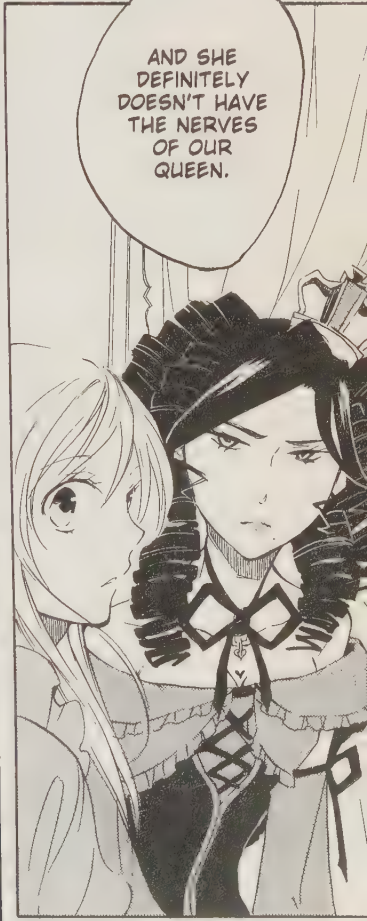
BLOOD!



WHEN
DID HE
GET SO
CLOSE!?



...WE
DO NOT
TOLERATE
EAVESDROP-
PING.

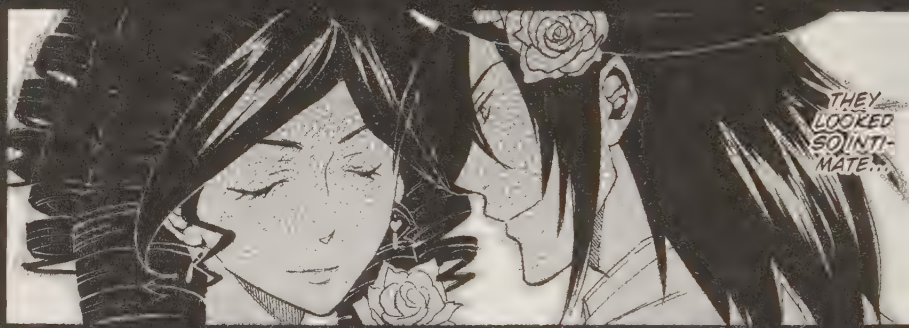


AND SHE
DEFINITELY
DOESN'T HAVE
THE NERVES
OF OUR
QUEEN.

IT'S SO
DIFFERENT
FROM WHAT
I SAW IN
THAT ROSE
GARDEN...



THEY
LOOKED
SO INTI-
MATE...

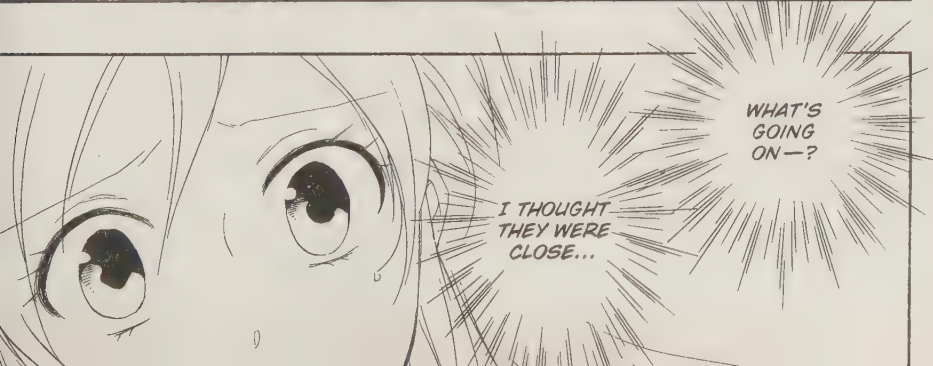
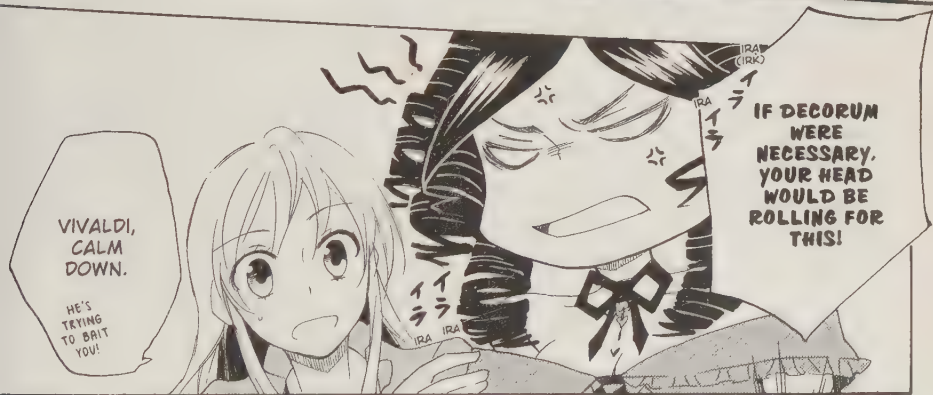
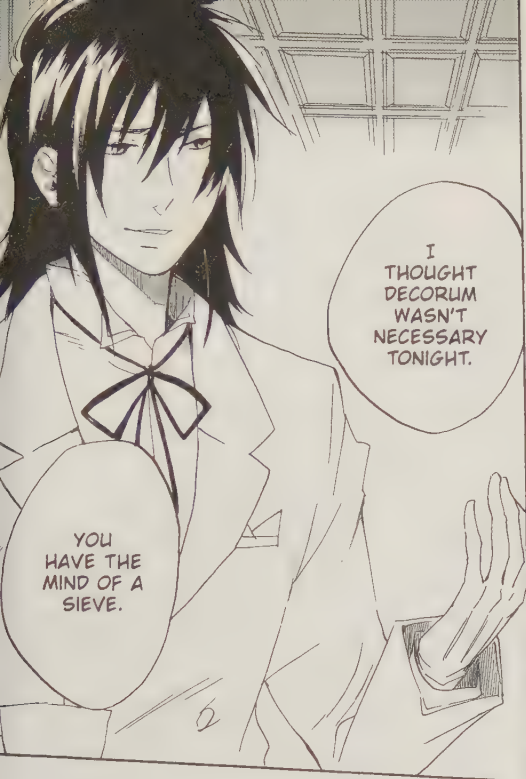


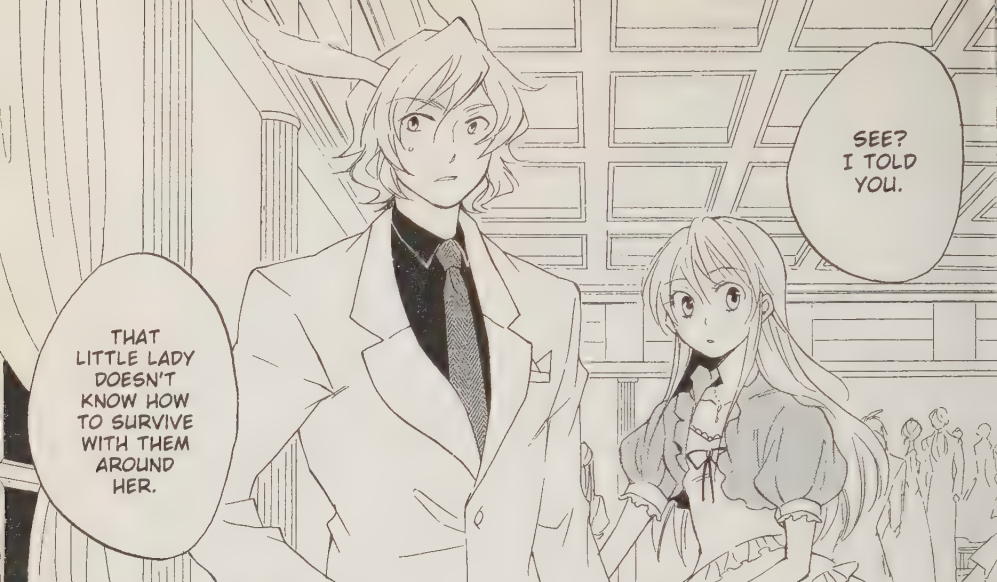
ARE
THINGS
BETWEEN
THEM
REALLY
LIKE WHAT
PETER
TOLD ME—



I CAN'T
IMAGINE
THEM
ACTING AS
FRIENDS.

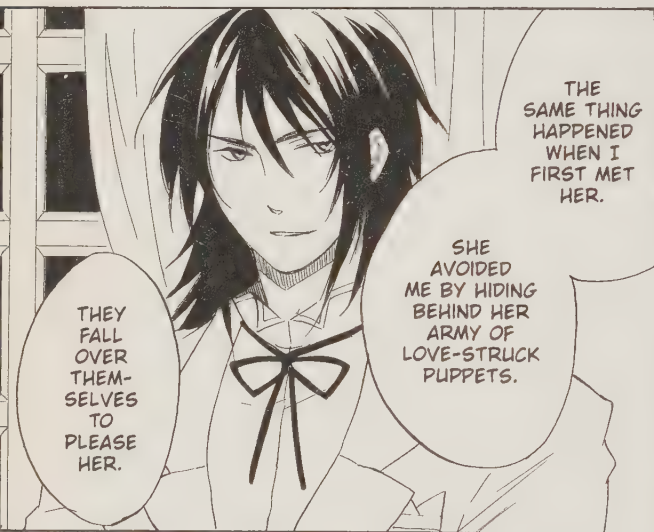
SHE AND
BLOOD DUPRE
IN PARTICULAR
TRY TO KILL EACH
OTHER WHEN
THEY MEET.





THAT
LITTLE LADY
DOESN'T
KNOW HOW
TO SURVIVE
WITH THEM
AROUND
HER.

SEE?
I TOLD
YOU.



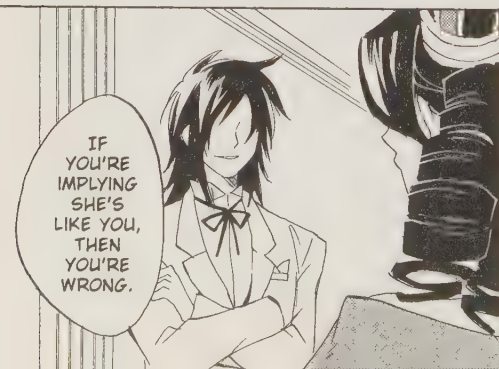
THE
SAME THING
HAPPENED
WHEN I
FIRST MET
HER.

SHE
AVOIDED
ME BY HIDING
BEHIND HER
ARMY OF
LOVE-STRUCK
PUPPETS.

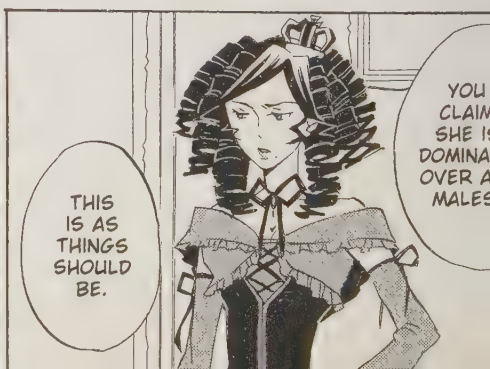
THEY
FALL
OVER
THEM-
SELVES
TO
PLEASE
HER.



WHAT...

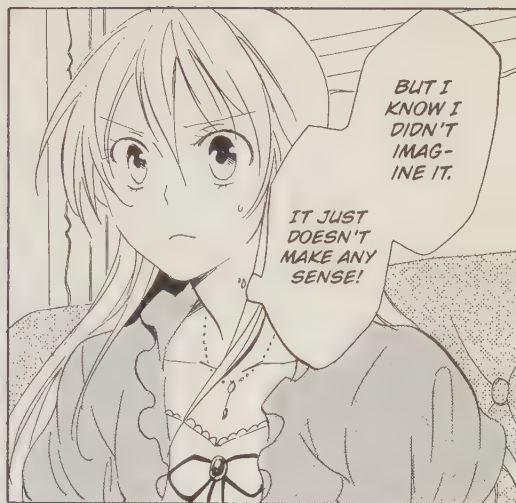


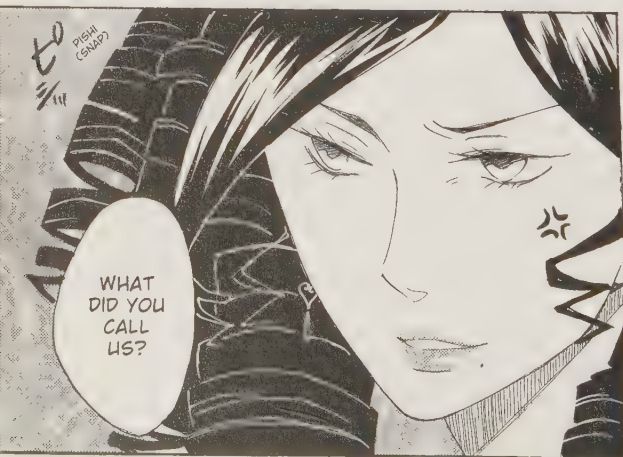
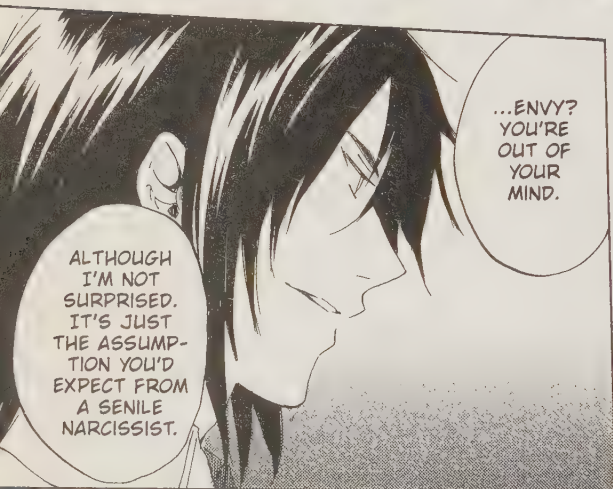
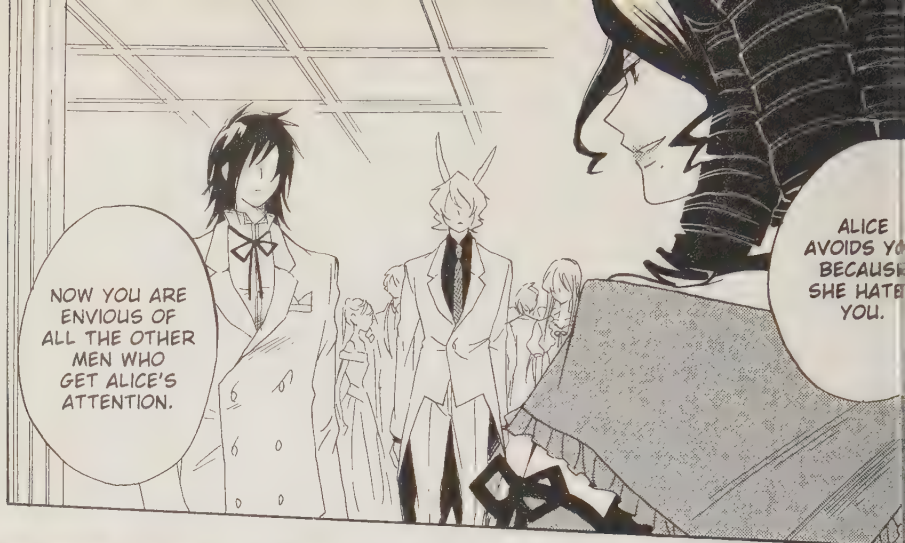
IF
YOU'RE
IMPLYING
SHE'S
LIKE YOU,
THEN
YOU'RE
WRONG.

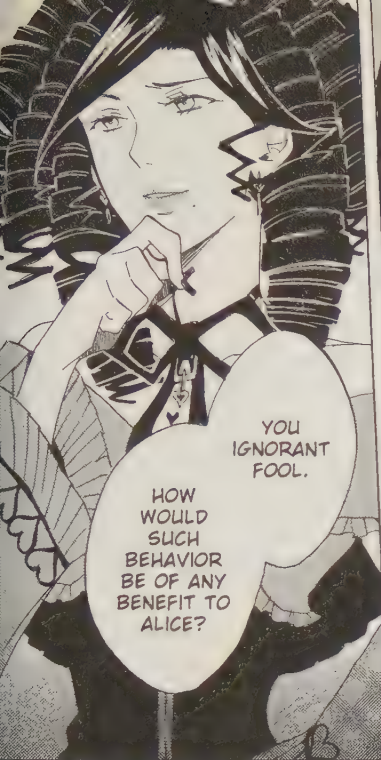


THIS
IS AS
THINGS
SHOULD
BE.

YOU
CLAIM
SHE IS
DOMINA
OVER A
MALES

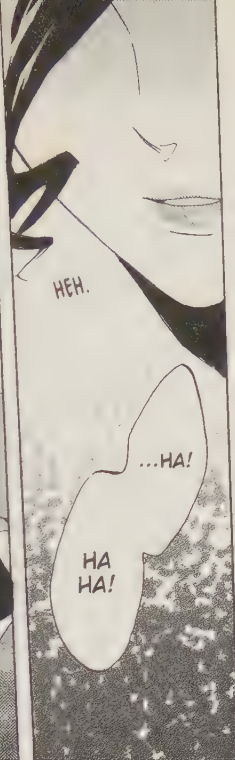






HOW
WOULD
SUCH
BEHAVIOR
BE OF ANY
BENEFIT TO
ALICE?

YOU
IGNORANT
FOOL.

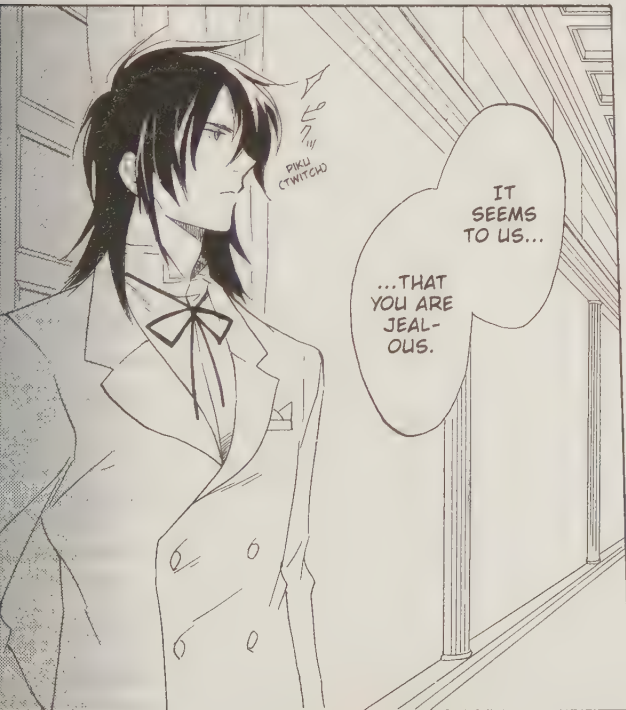


HEH.

...HA!

HA
HA!

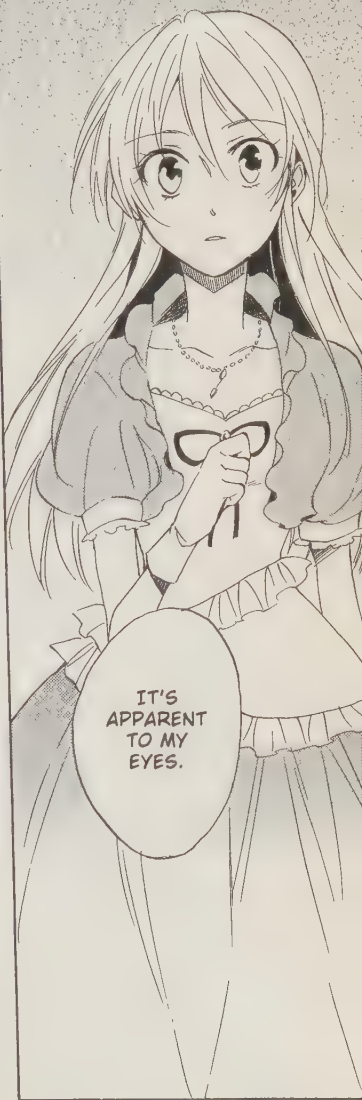
SHE
USES HER
ALLURE AS AN
OUTSIDER TO
TEASE AND
MANIPULATE
EVERYONE.



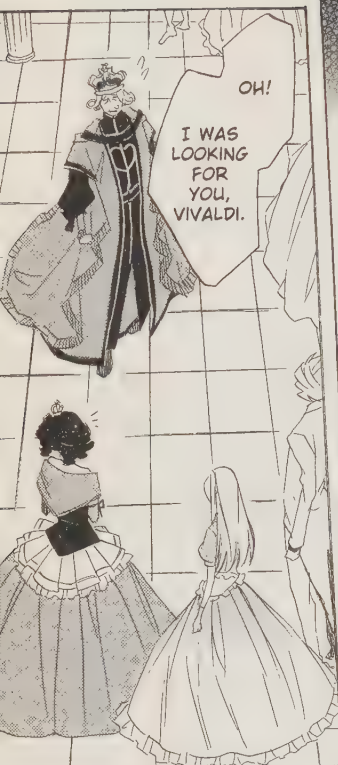
PIKO
CUTTING

IT
SEEMS
TO US...

...THAT
YOU ARE
JEAL-
OUS.



IT'S
APPARENT
TO MY
EYES.

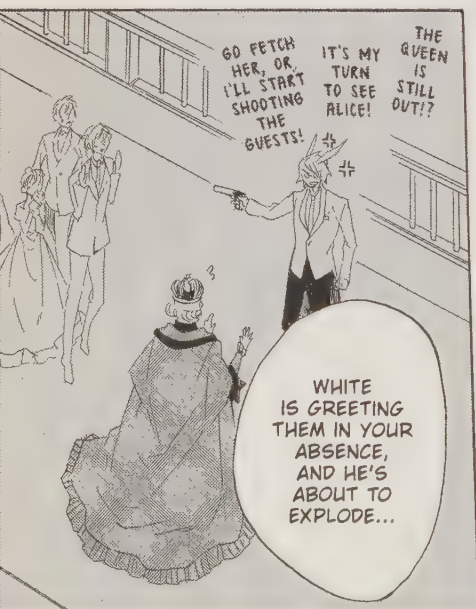


MISOG-
YNIST
CUR...

HE IS THE
ENEMY OF
WOMEN!

I'D
RATHER
SLEEP.

THEN I'M
CLAIMING ONE.
YOUR PATHETIC
PARTY IS
BORING ME OUT
OF MY MIND.



GO FETCH
HER, OR
I'LL START
SHOOTING
THE
GUESTS!

IT'S MY
TURN
TO SEE
ALICE!

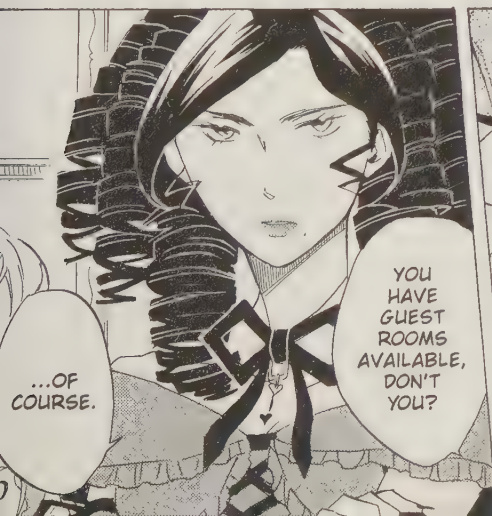
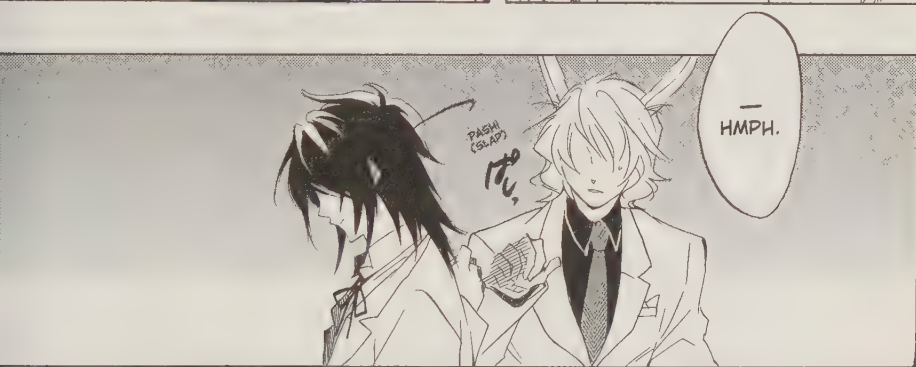
THE
QUEEN
IS
STILL
OUT?!

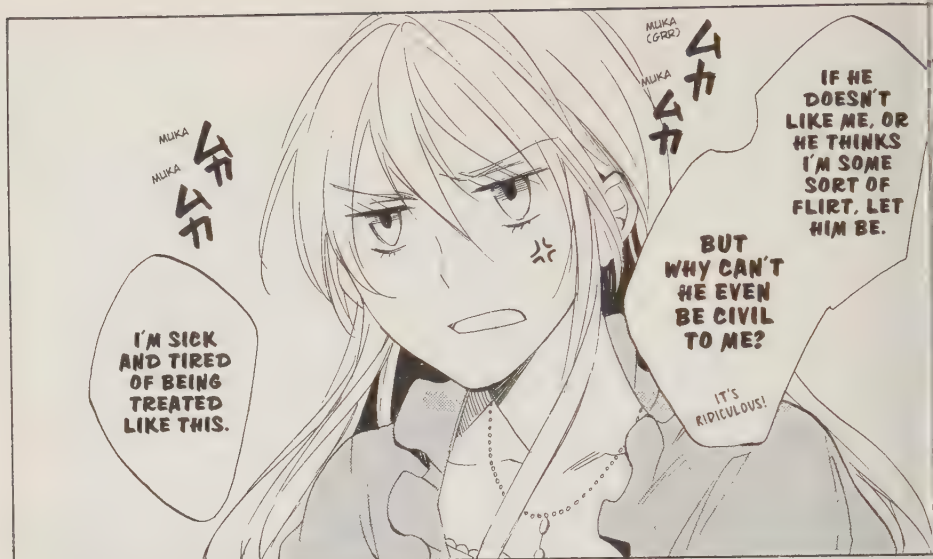
WHITE
IS GREETING
THEM IN YOUR
ABSENCE,
AND HE'S
ABOUT TO
EXPLODE...



WHAT
DO YOU
NEED,
KING?

YOU
HAVE
GUESTS
WAITING
FOR YOU
TO GREET
THEM.



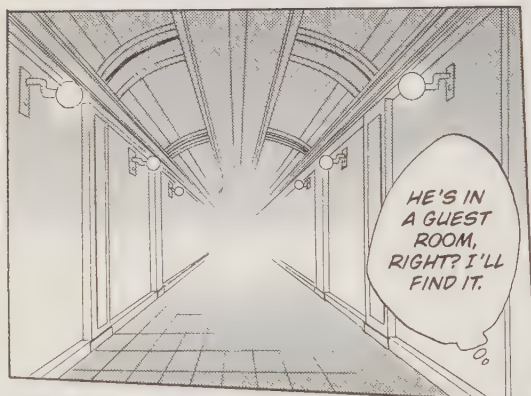


I'M SICK
AND TIRED
OF BEING
TREATED
LIKE THIS.

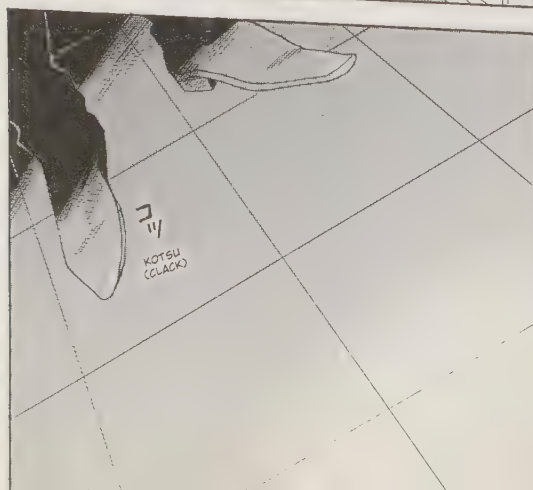
BUT
WHY CAN'T
HE EVEN
BE CIVIL
TO ME?

IT'S
RIDICULOUS!

IF HE
DOESN'T
LIKE ME, OR
HE THINKS
I'M SOME
SORT OF
FLIRT, LET
HIM BE.



HE'S IN
A GUEST
ROOM,
RIGHT? I'LL
FIND IT.

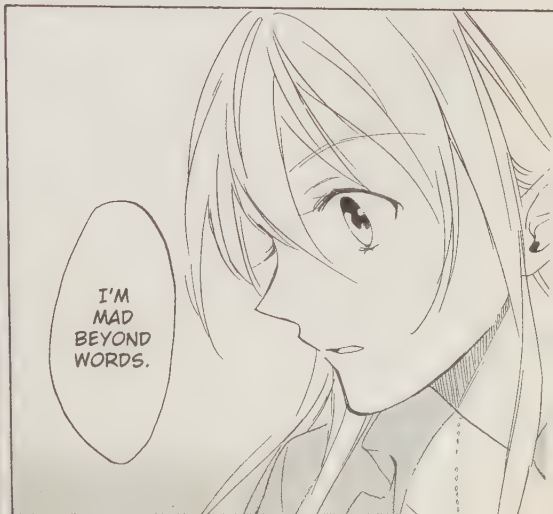
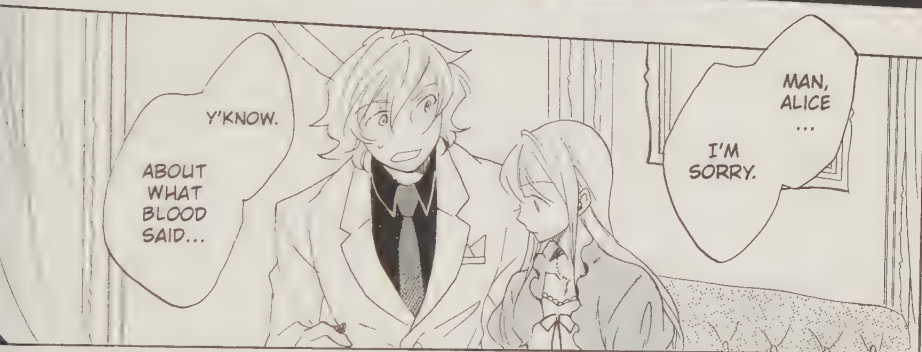


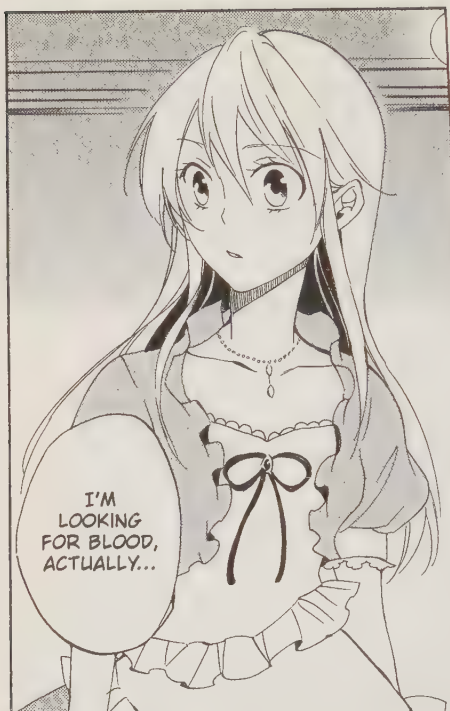
コッ
KOTSU
(CLACK)



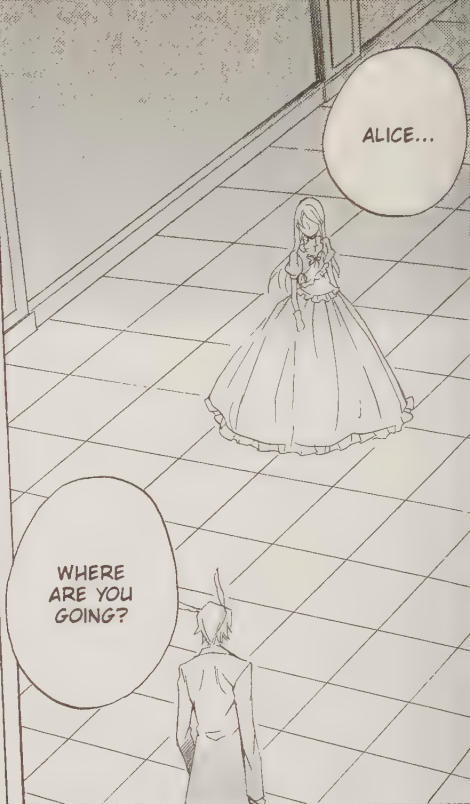
I'M NOT
RUNNING
AWAY
ANYMORE.
I'M
SETTLING
THIS ONCE
AND FOR
ALL!!

ALICE,
WAIT!





I'M
LOOKING
FOR BLOOD,
ACTUALLY...



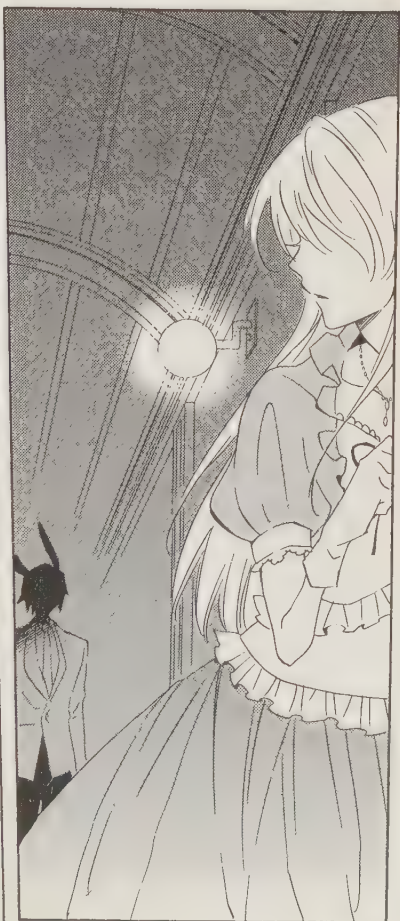
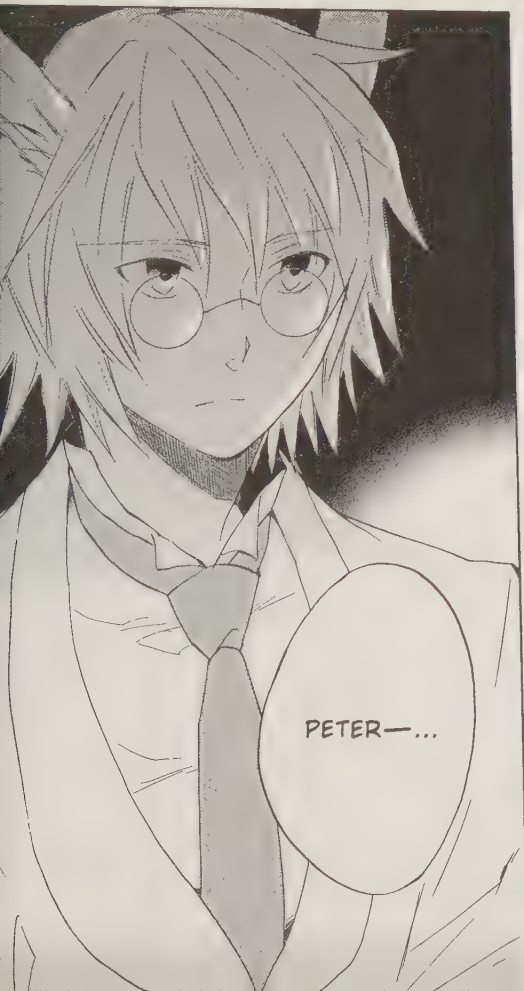
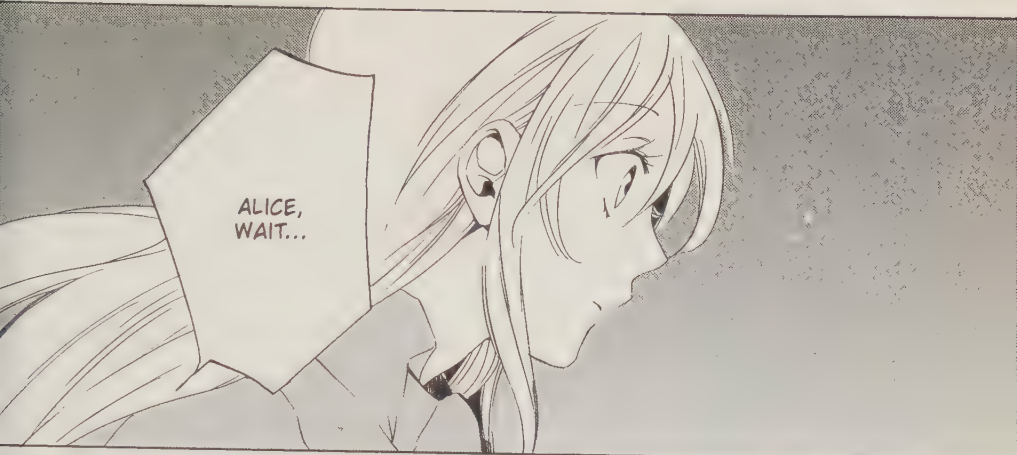
ALICE...

WHERE
ARE YOU
GOING?



PETER—?

IS THAT
SO...



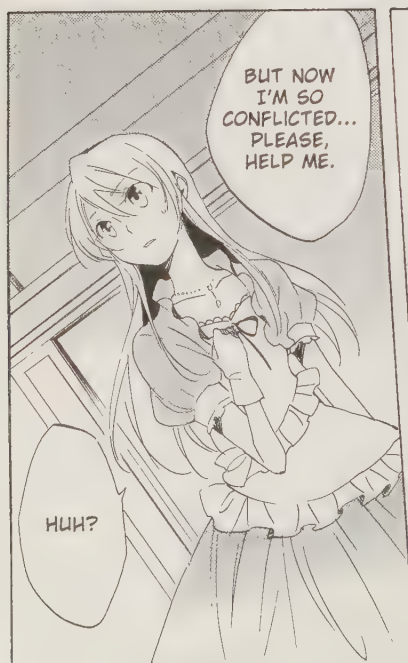


♥28 Rabbit's Waltz



YOU'RE
LOOKING
FOR BLOOD
DUPRE—?



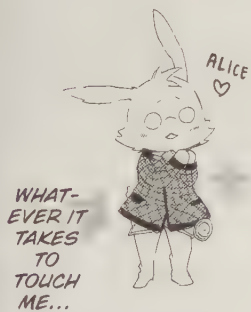




...THAT'S
WEIRD.

00

...OR LIKE
THIS.



ALICE
♡

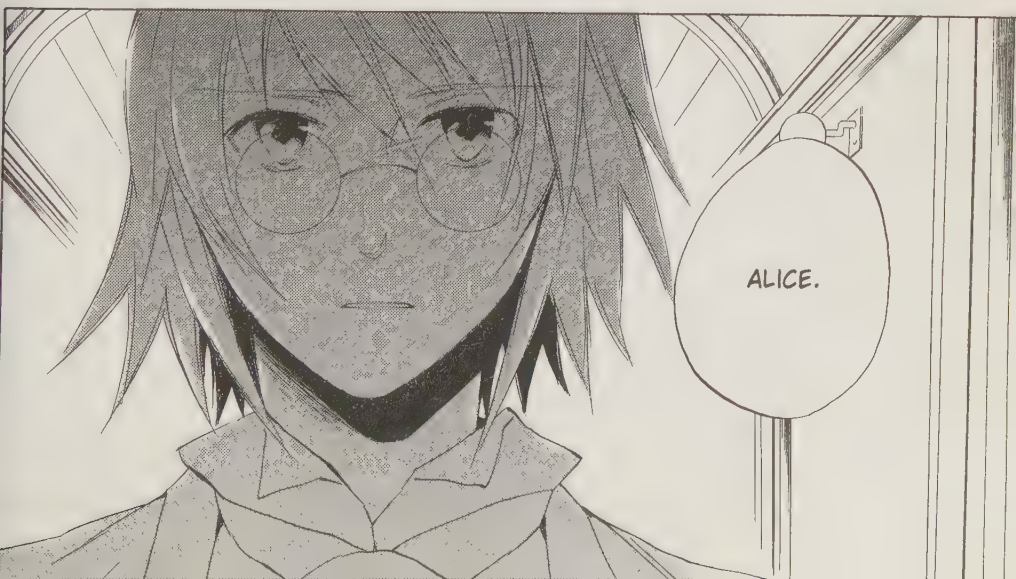
WHAT-
EVER IT
TAKES
TO
TOUCH
ME...

ALIIIIICE!

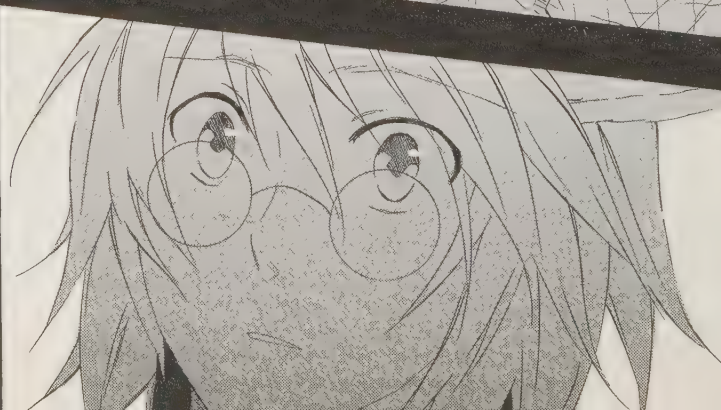
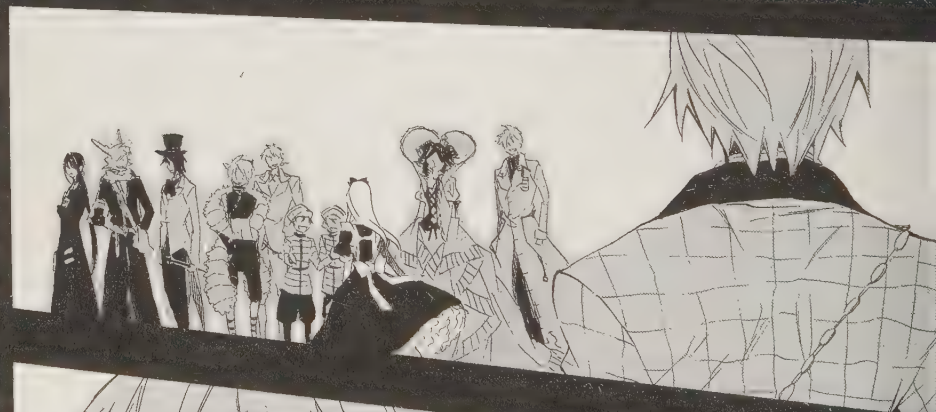
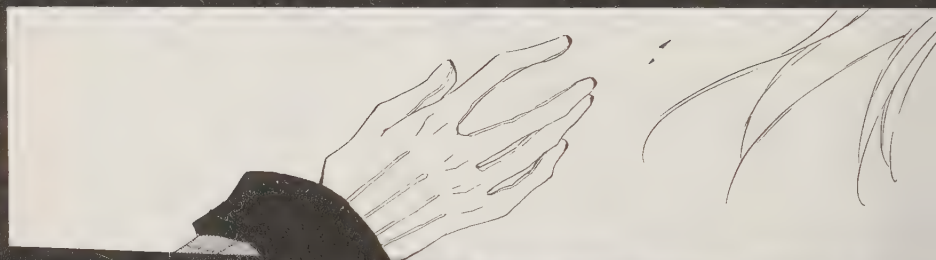
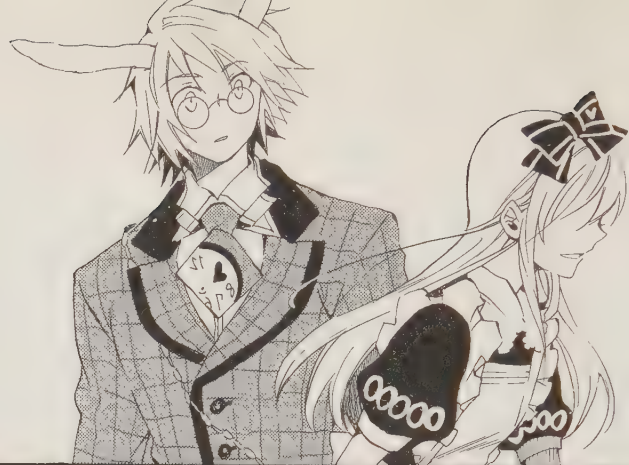
...HE'S
LIKE
THIS.

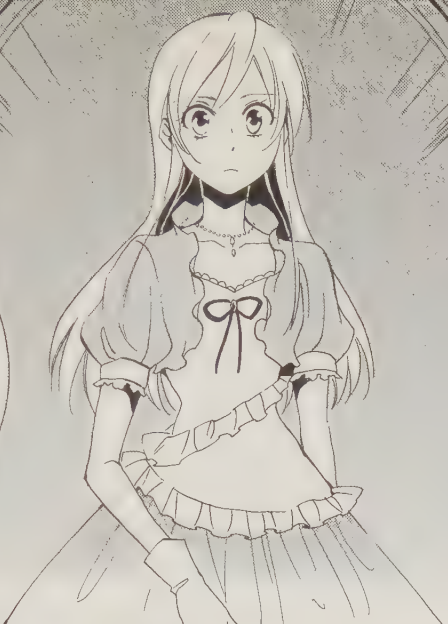


MOST
OF THE
TIME...



ALICE.





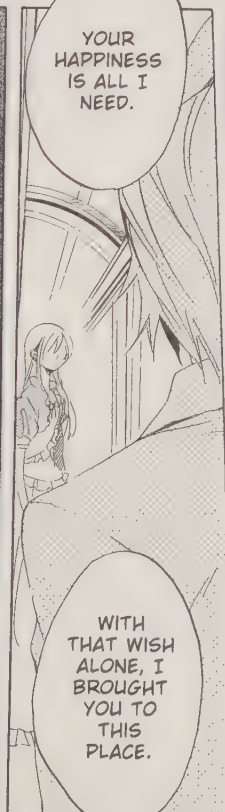
...I
LOVE
YOU.

ALICE...

AND
YET —



YOUR
HAPPINESS
IS ALL I
NEED.



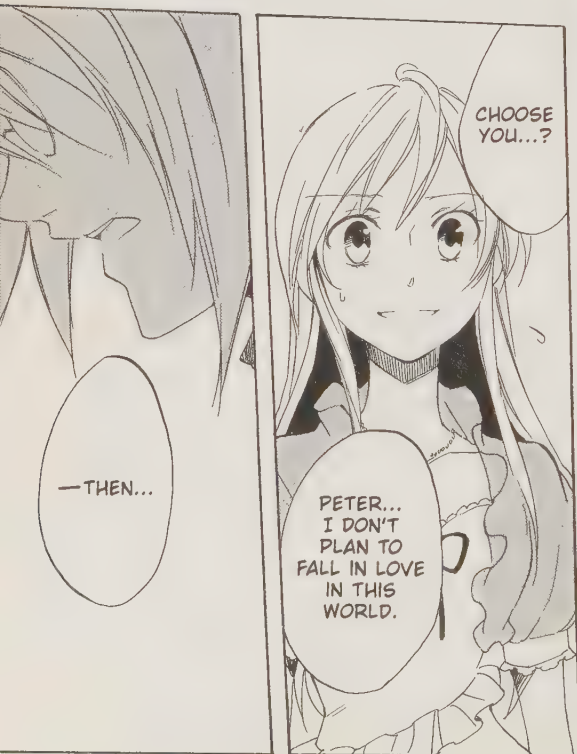
WITH
THAT WISH
ALONE, I
BROUGHT
YOU TO
THIS
PLACE.

AND
BECAUSE
I LOVE YOU,
I WANT
YOU TO BE
HAPPY.



IF YOU
WOULD JUST
CHOOSE ME,
EVERYTHING
WOULD GO
PERFECTLY—

I WANT
YOUR LOVE
MORE THAN I
WANT YOUR
HAPPINESS...



CHOOSE
YOU...?

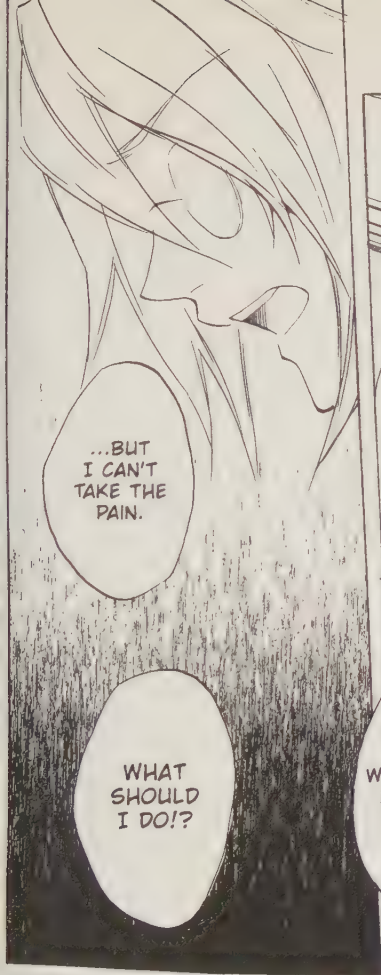
PETER...
I DON'T
PLAN TO
FALL IN LOVE
IN THIS
WORLD.

—THEN...



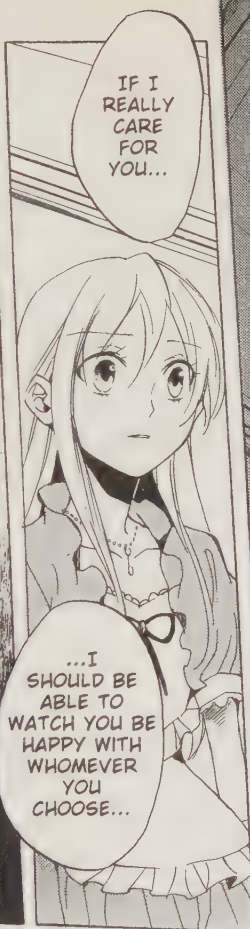
WHY
MUST
THIS
BE?

WHY
CAN'T YOU
CHOOSE
ME?



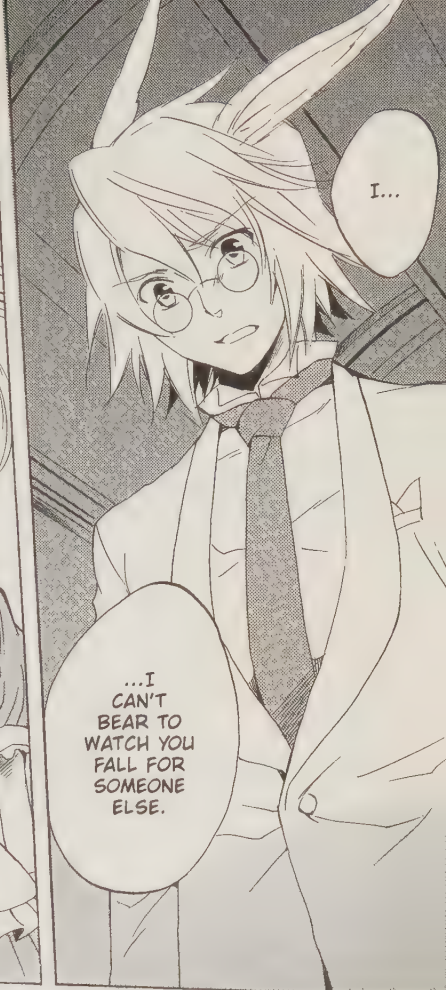
...BUT
I CAN'T
TAKE THE
PAIN.

WHAT
SHOULD
I DO!?



IF I
REALLY
CARE
FOR
YOU...

...I
SHOULD BE
ABLE TO
WATCH YOU BE
HAPPY WITH
WHOMEVER
YOU
CHOOSE...



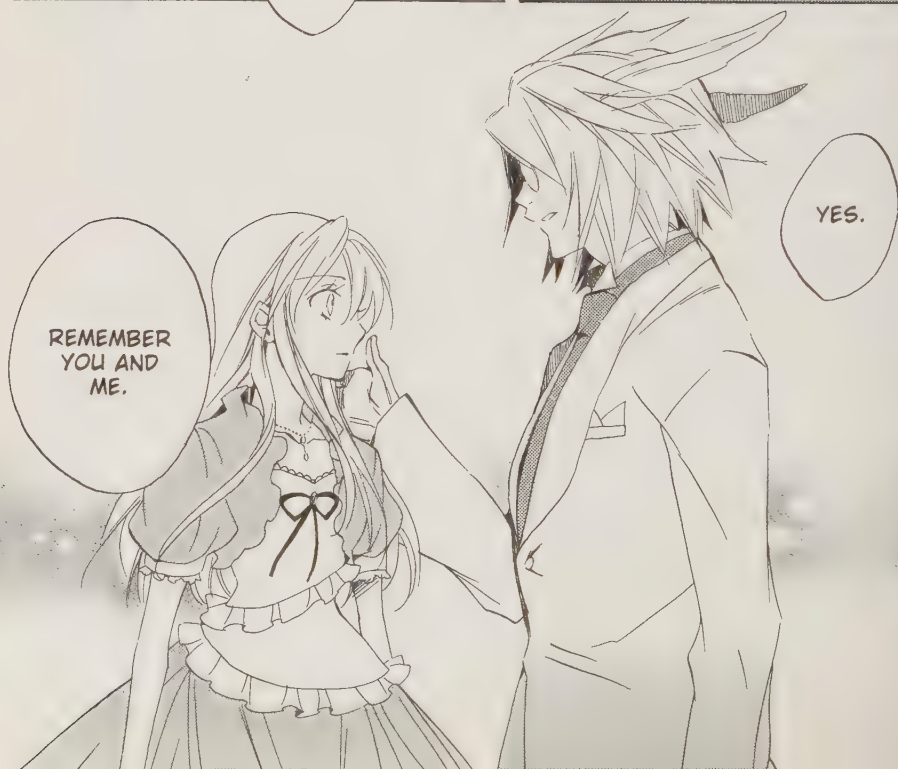
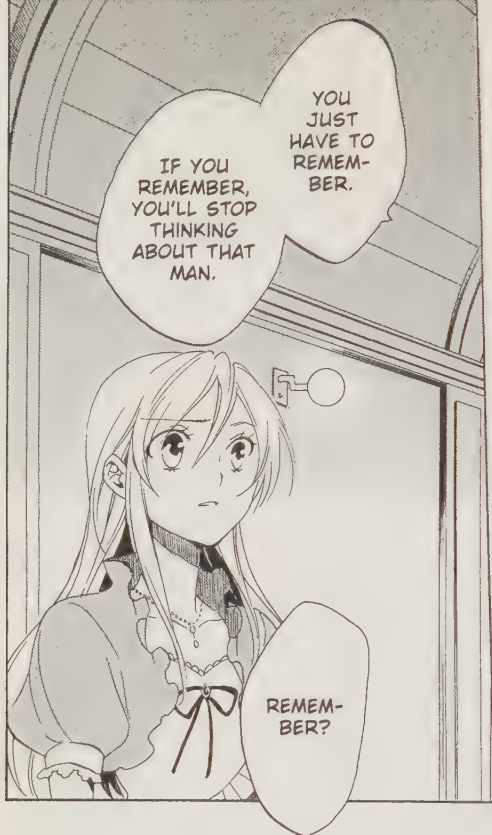
I...

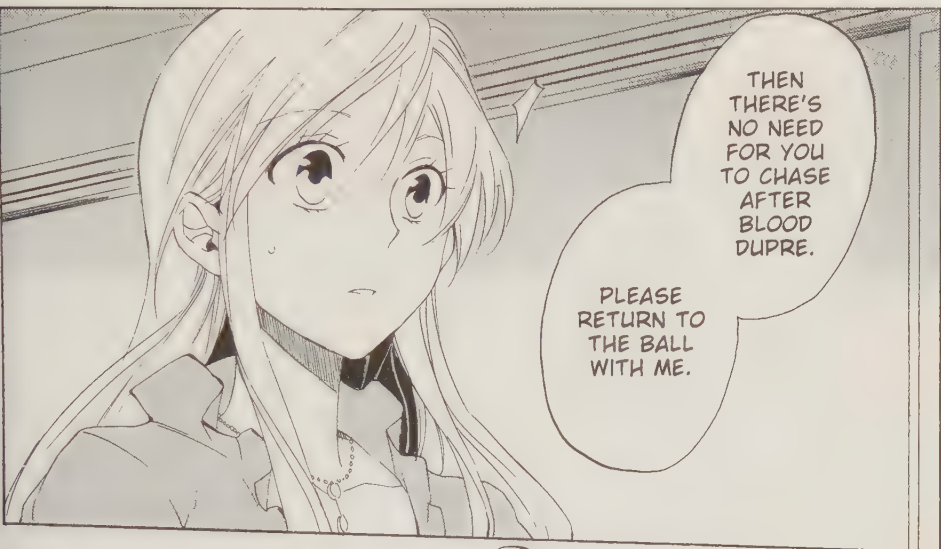
...I
CAN'T
BEAR TO
WATCH YOU
FALL FOR
SOMEONE
ELSE.



PETER
...

I'VE
NEVER
FALLEN
IN LOVE
BEFORE—
I DON'T
UNDERSTAND
THESE
FEELINGS.





THEN
THERE'S
NO NEED
FOR YOU
TO CHASE
AFTER
BLOOD
DUPRE.

PLEASE
RETURN TO
THE BALL
WITH ME.

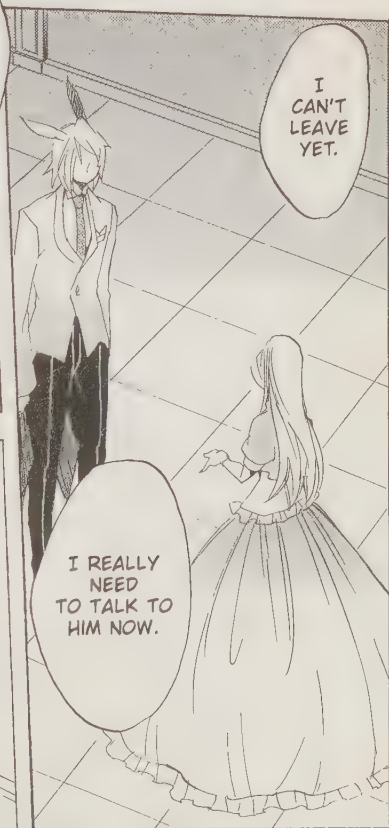


WHY!?

DO YOU
LOVE THAT
MAN SO
MUCH THAT
YOU MUST
CHASE
HIM DOWN
THIS VERY
MOMENT!?



I DON'T
LOVE
HIM!
MY
FEELINGS
FOR
HIM ARE
CLOSER TO
HATE!



I
CAN'T
LEAVE
YET.

I REALLY
NEED
TO TALK TO
HIM NOW.

YOUR
PRECIOUS
— ...



PORO
(DRIP)

WHEN?

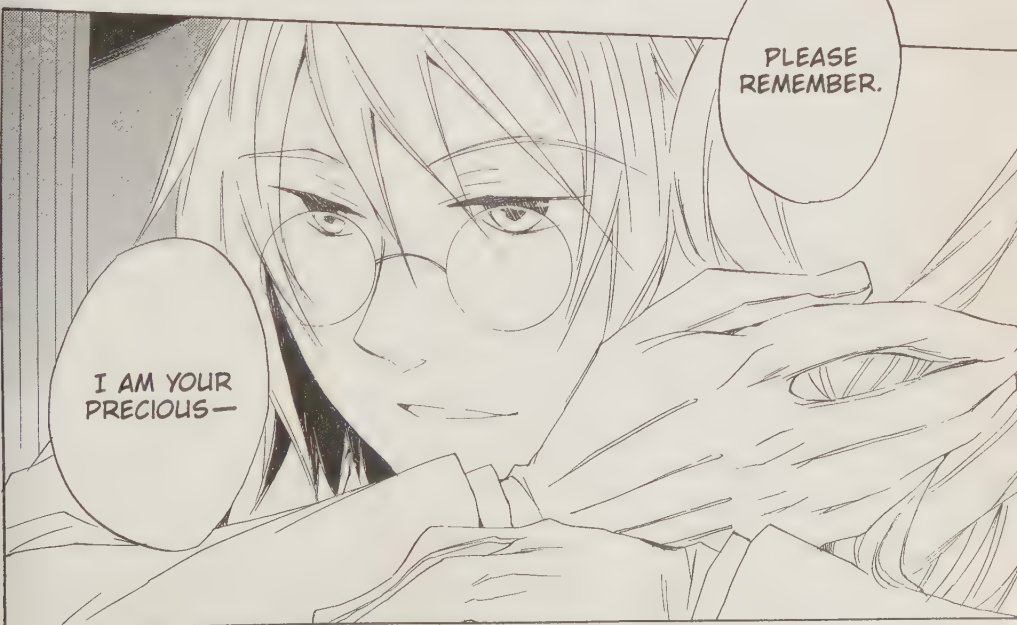
HAVE I
MET PETER
BEFORE?

BEFORE
COMING
TO THIS
WORLD?



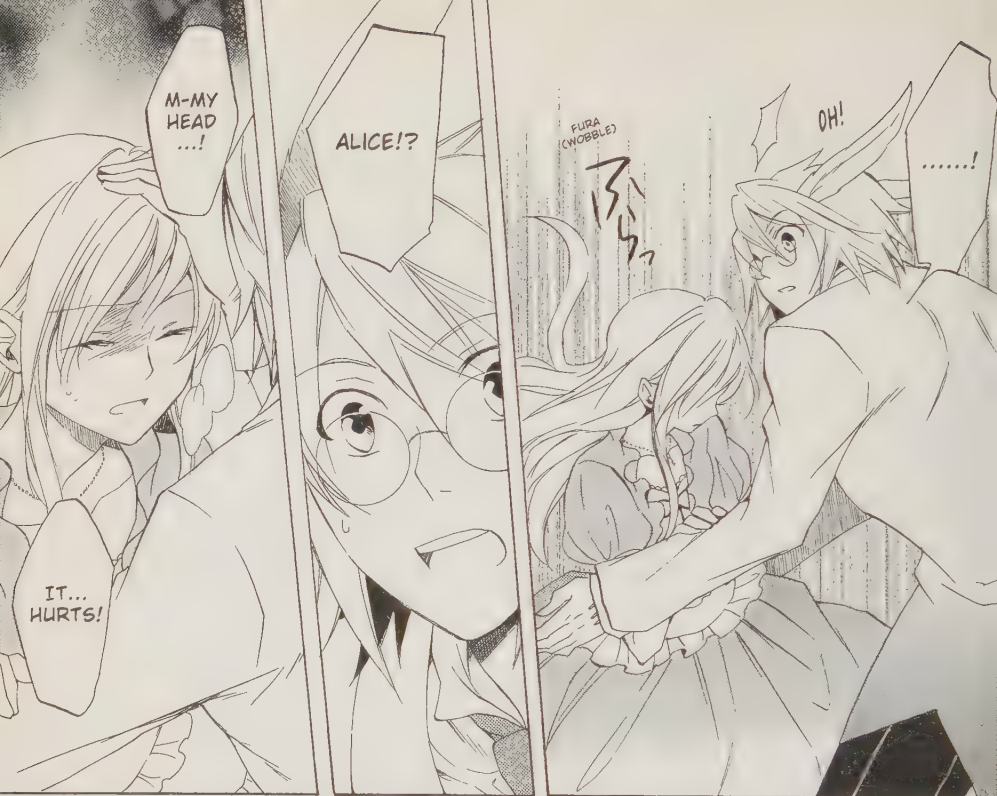


PETER
AND...
ME?



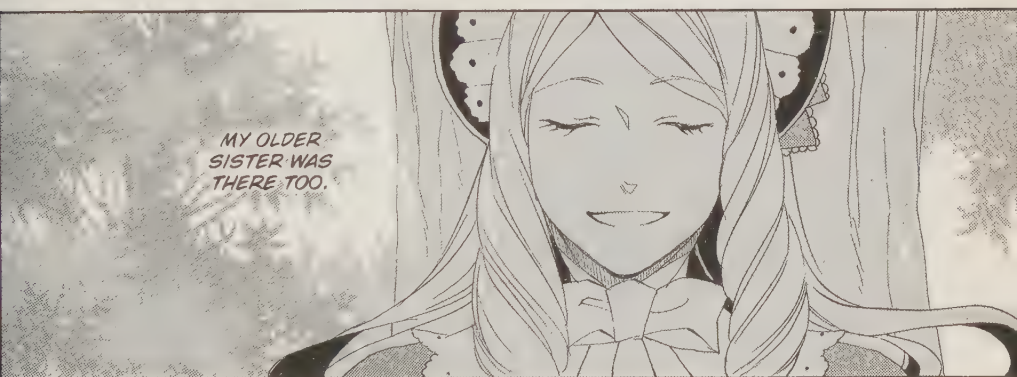
PLEASE
REMEMBER.

I AM YOUR
PRECIOUS—



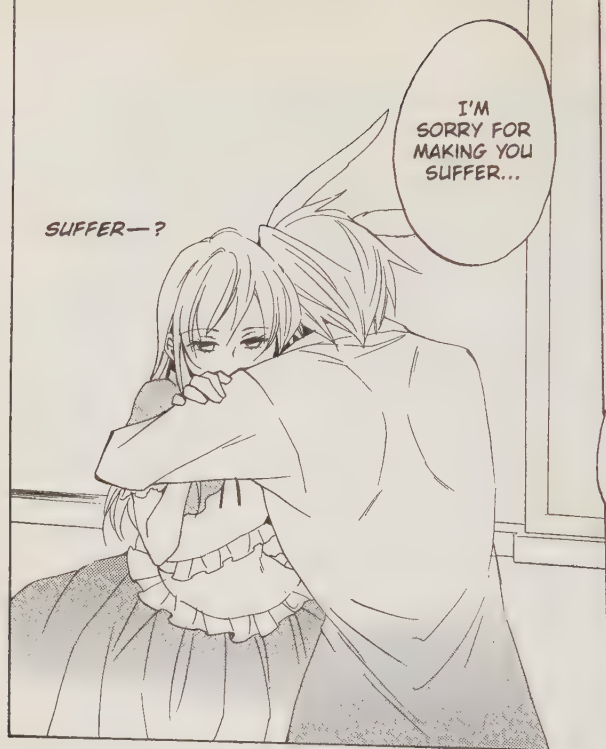


THE SUNDAY
AFTERNOONS
THAT I LOVED
SO MUCH...



MY OLDER
SISTER WAS
THERE TOO.

AND
PETER
WAS...



SUFFER—?

I'M
SORRY FOR
MAKING YOU
SUFFER...



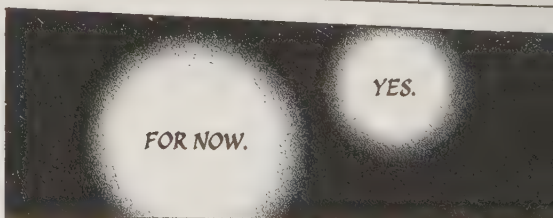
I'M
SORRY,
ALICE...



KOTSU
(GLACK)



IS THERE
SOMETHING
I'M NOT
SUPPOSED TO
REMEMBER?



FOR NOW.

YES.

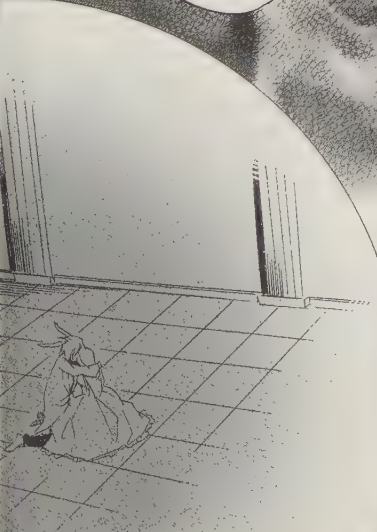


THEN I
GUESS...
I CAN
FORGET
A LITTLE
LONGER?



I WARNED
YOU, PETER
WHITE.

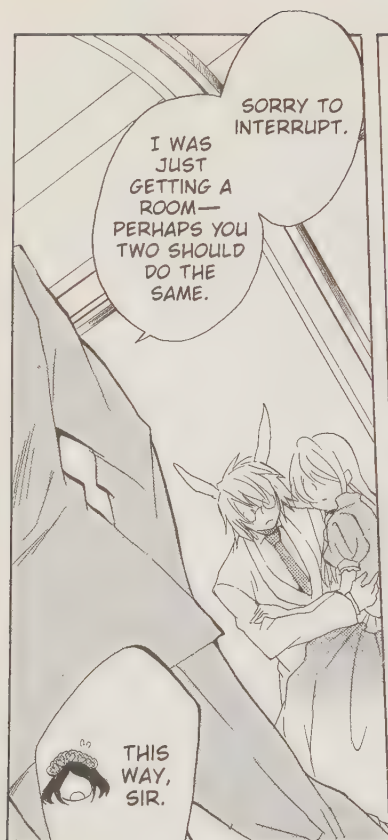
THAT'S
RIGHT.



YOU
HAVE TO
KEEP HER
IN THE
DARK.



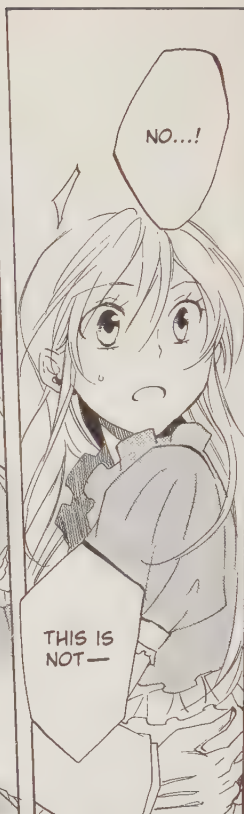
YOU
CAN'T
LET HER
REMEMBER.



I WAS
JUST
GETTING A
ROOM—
PERHAPS YOU
TWO SHOULD
DO THE
SAME.

SORRY TO
INTERRUPT.

THIS
WAY,
SIR.

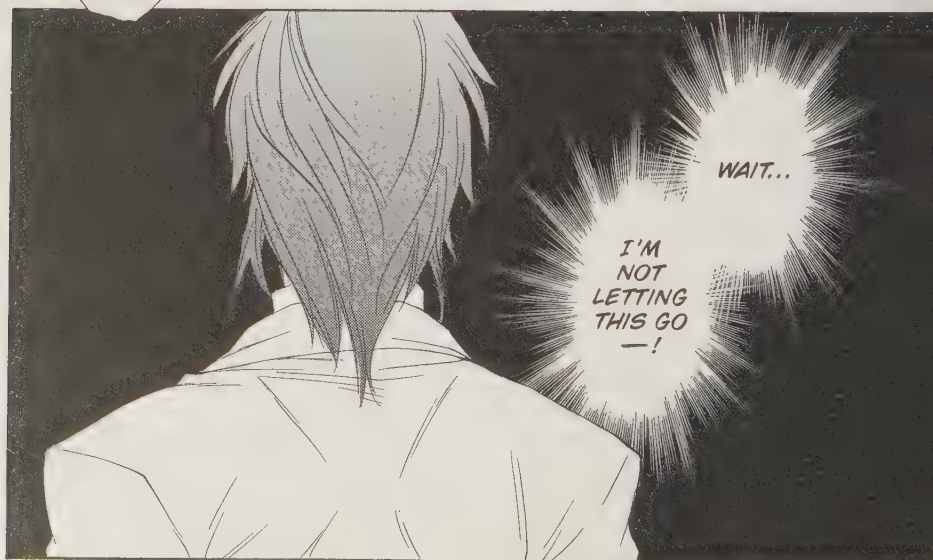


NO...!

THIS IS
NOT—

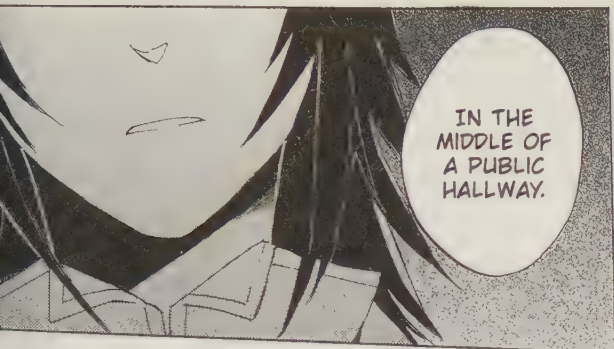


SUCH
IMPRESSIVE
SKILLS,
YOUNG
LADY.



WAIT...

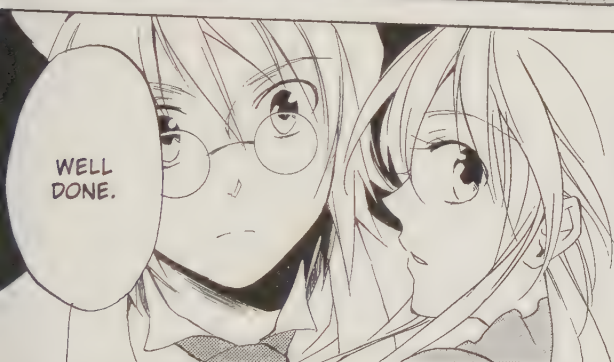
I'M
NOT
LETTING
THIS GO
—!



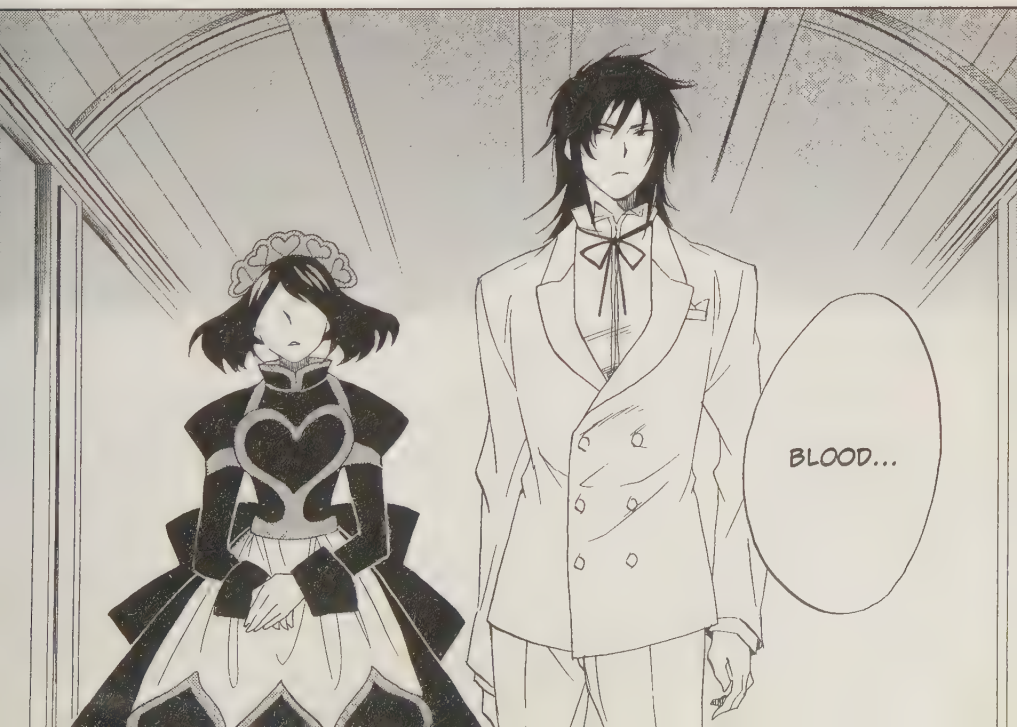
IN THE
MIDDLE OF
A PUBLIC
HALLWAY.



—HOHH.



WELL
DONE.



BLOOD...



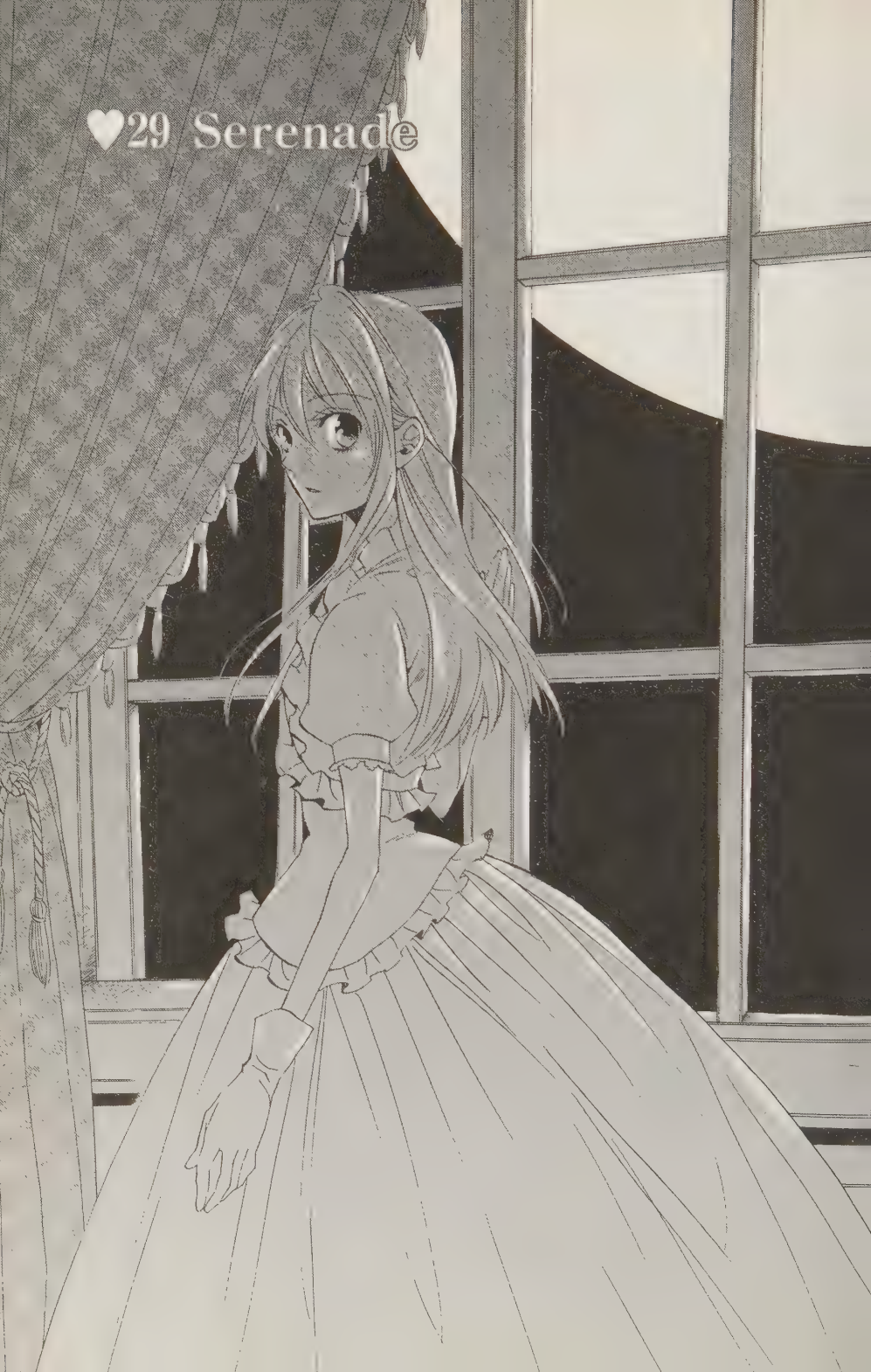
ALICE...



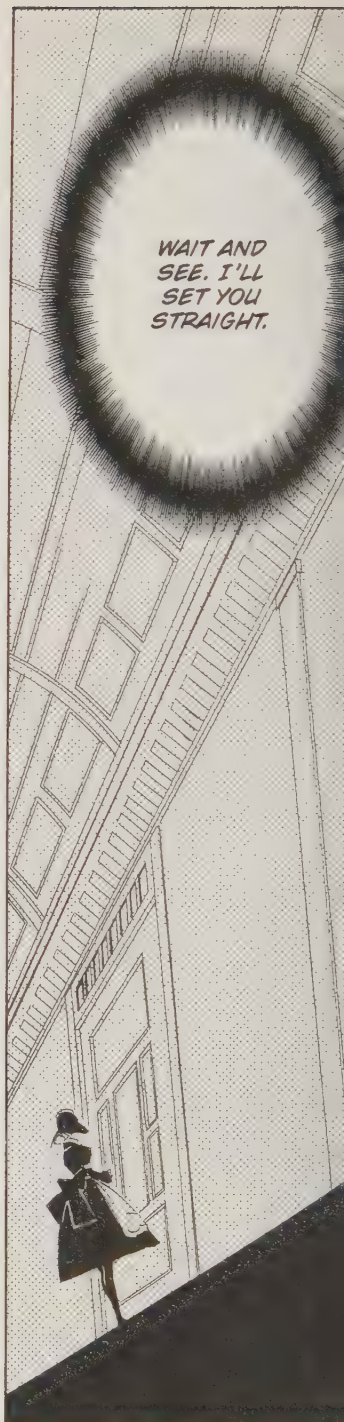
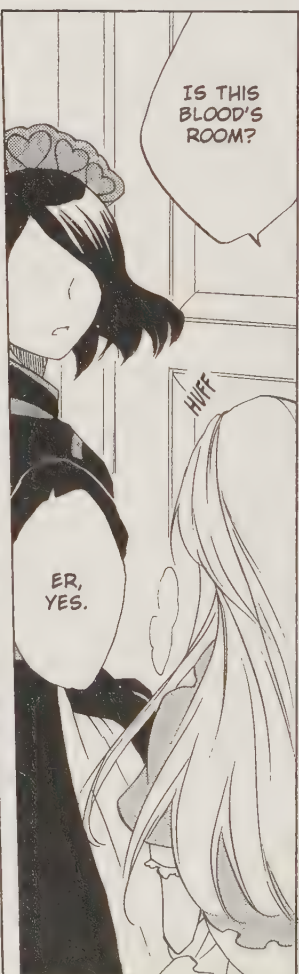
IT'S
JUST
AS I
FEARED.

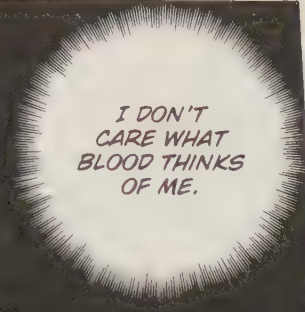
YOU
ARE...

♥29 Serenade

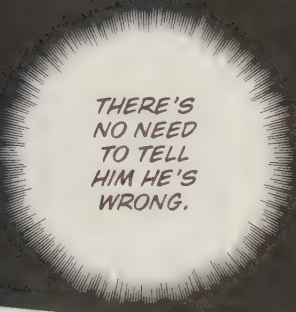


ALICE IN THE
COUNTRY OF HEARTS





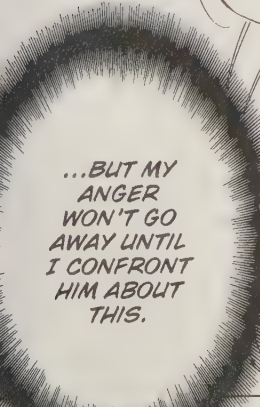
I DON'T
CARE WHAT
BLOOD THINKS
OF ME.



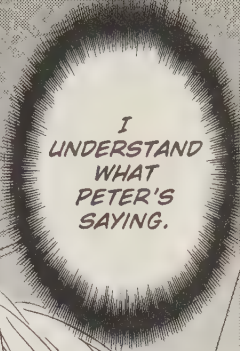
THERE'S
NO NEED
TO TELL
HIM HE'S
WRONG.



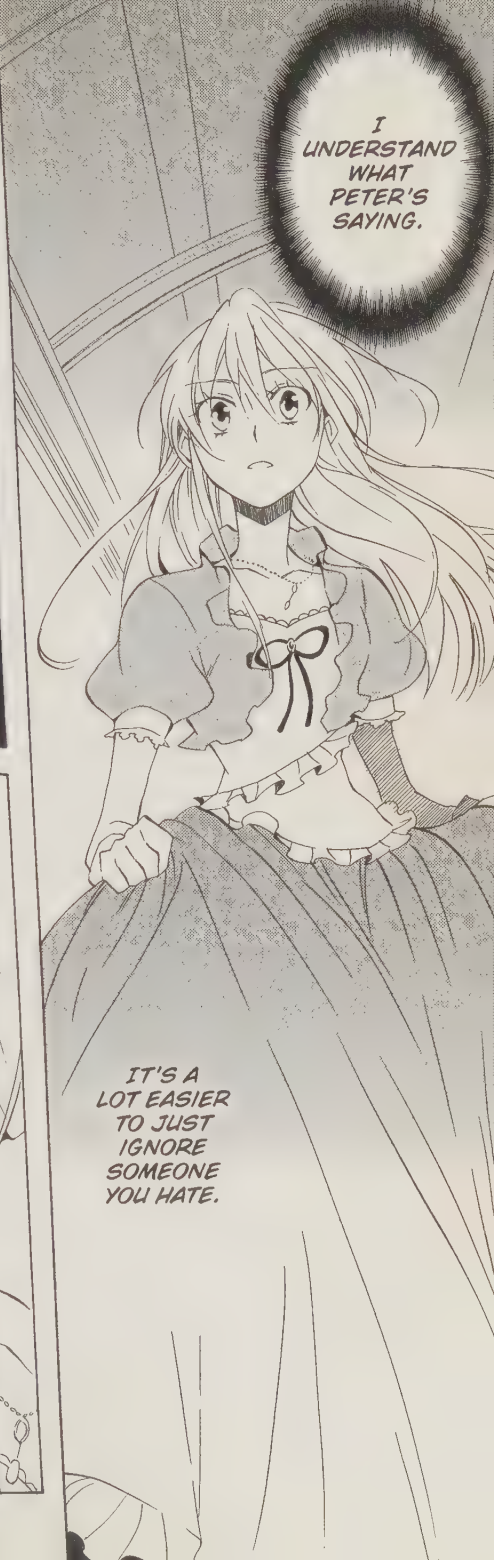
HUFF
HUFF



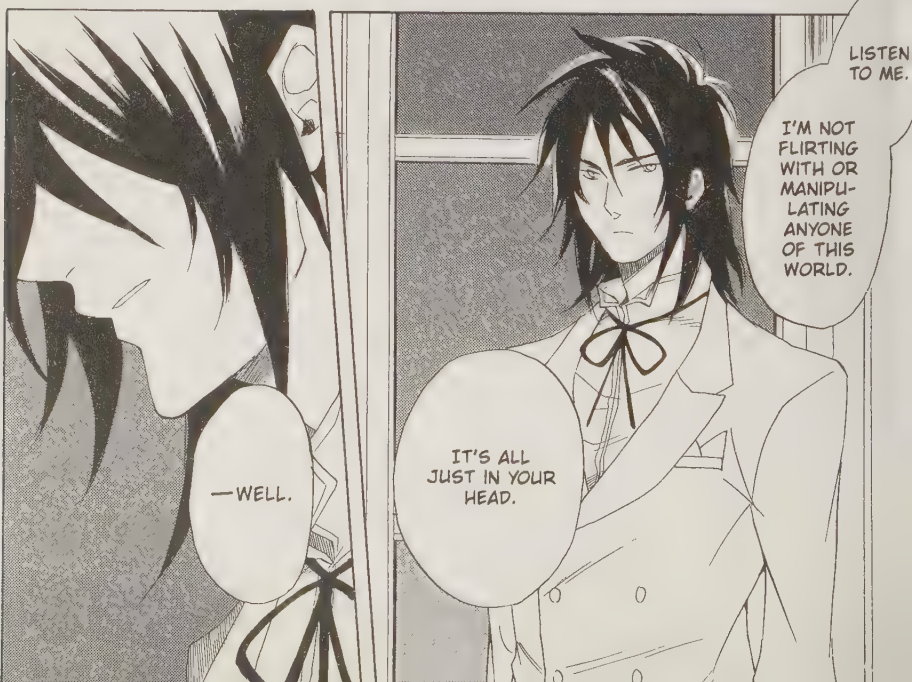
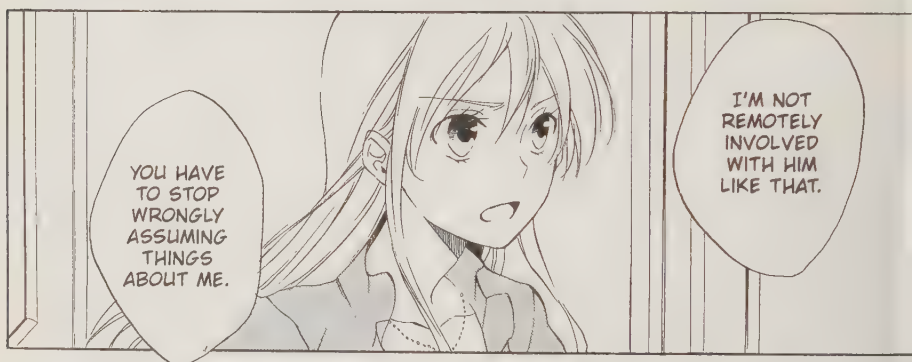
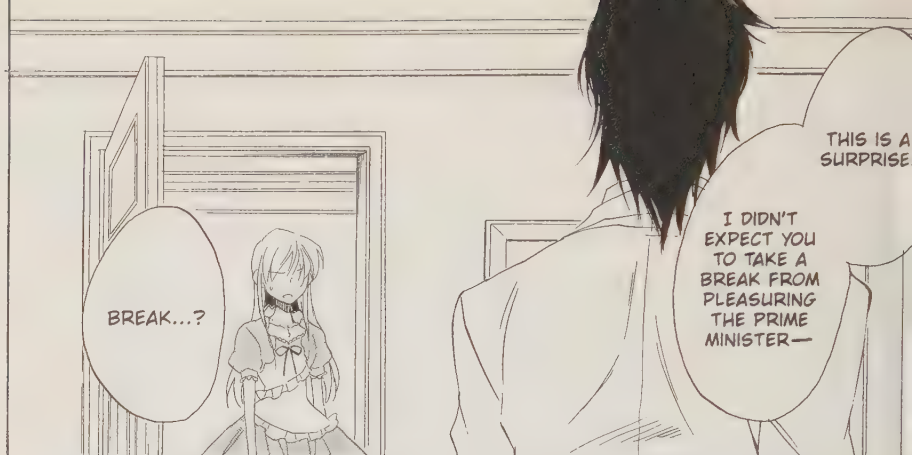
...BUT MY
ANGER
WON'T GO
AWAY UNTIL
I CONFRONT
HIM ABOUT
THIS.

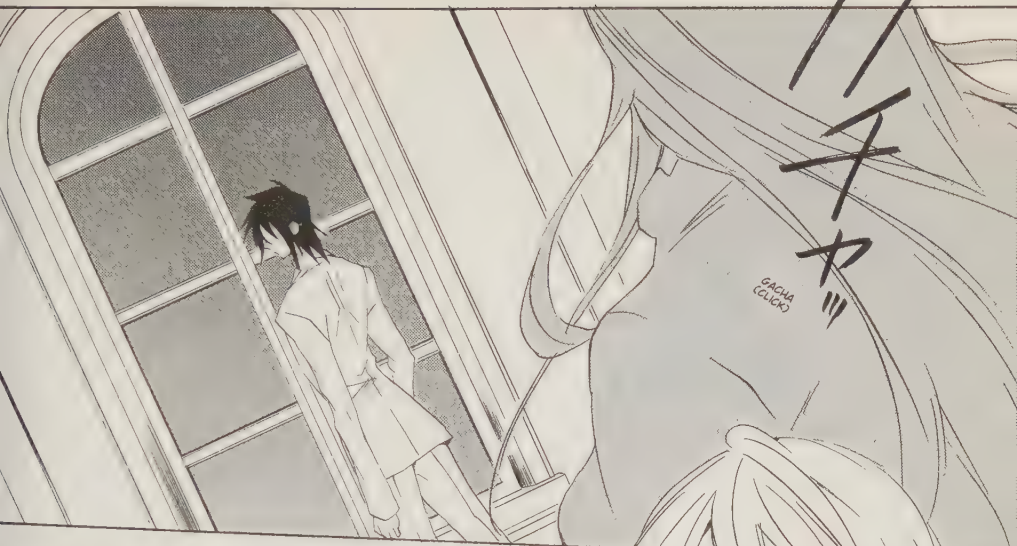


I
UNDERSTAND
WHAT
PETER'S
SAYING.

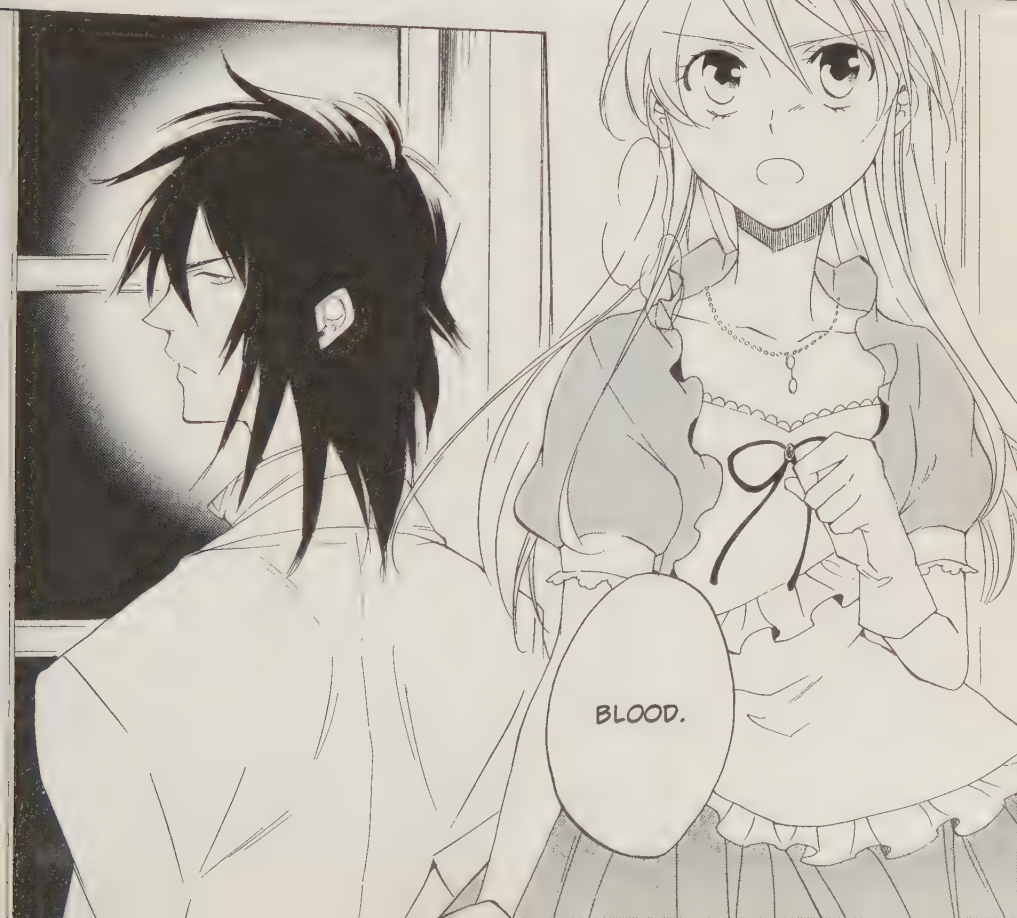


IT'S A
LOT EASIER
TO JUST
IGNORE
SOMEONE
YOU HATE.

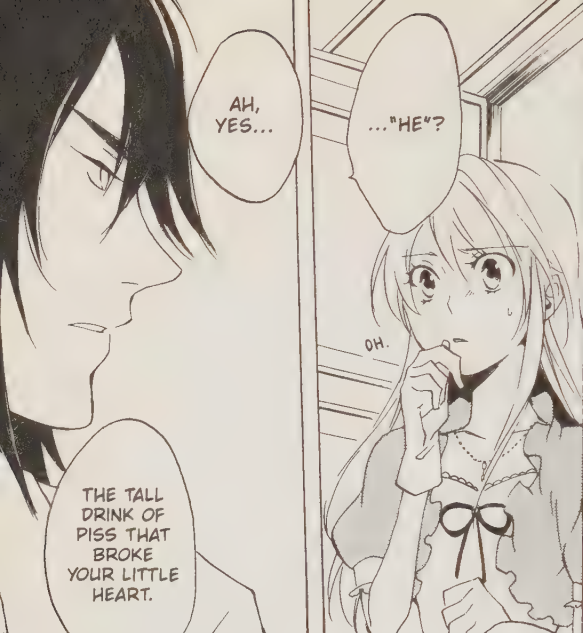




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BLOOD.

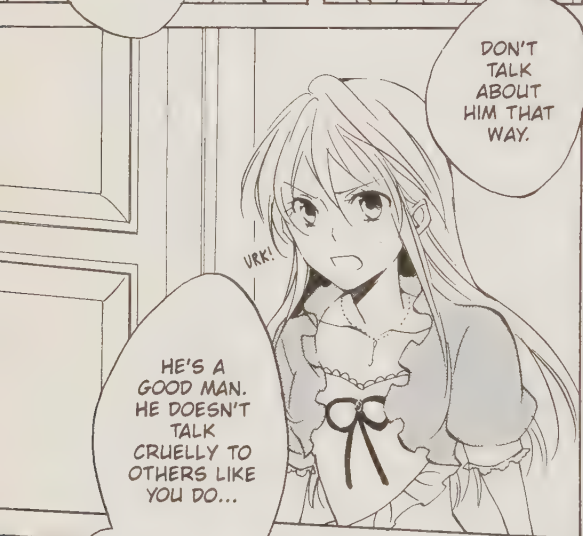


AH,
YES...

..."HE"?

OH.

THE TALL
DRINK OF
PISS THAT
BROKE
YOUR LITTLE
HEART.



DON'T
TALK
ABOUT
HIM THAT
WAY.

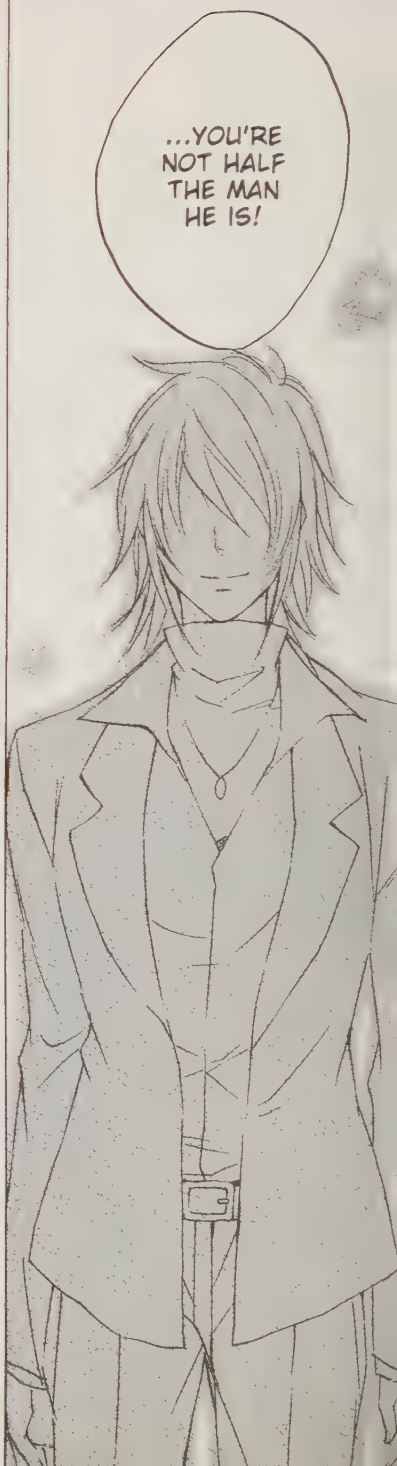
URK!

HE'S A
GOOD MAN.
HE DOESN'T
TALK
CRUELLY TO
OTHERS LIKE
YOU DO...

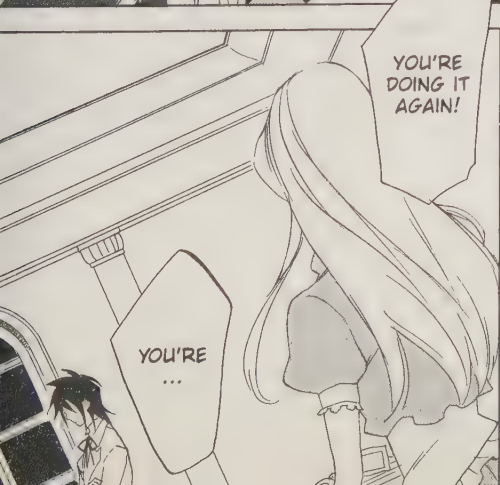
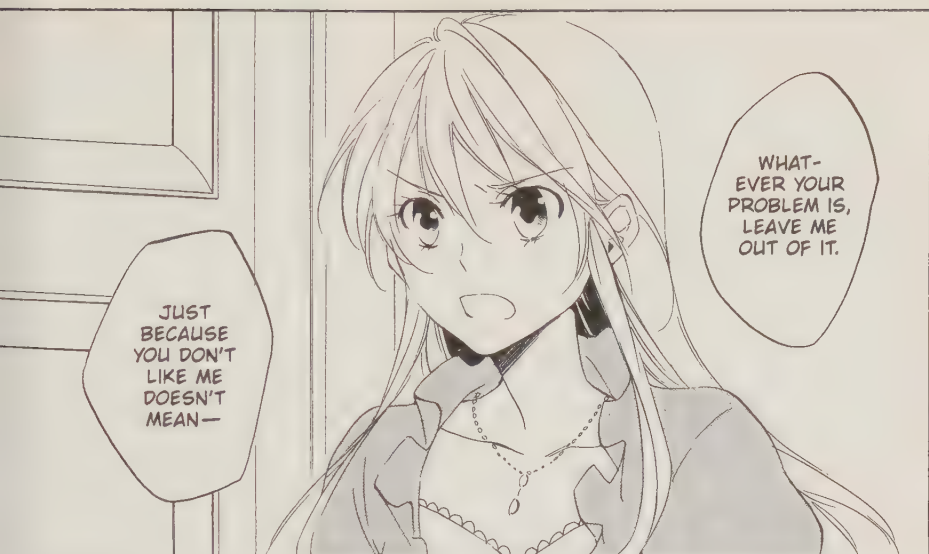


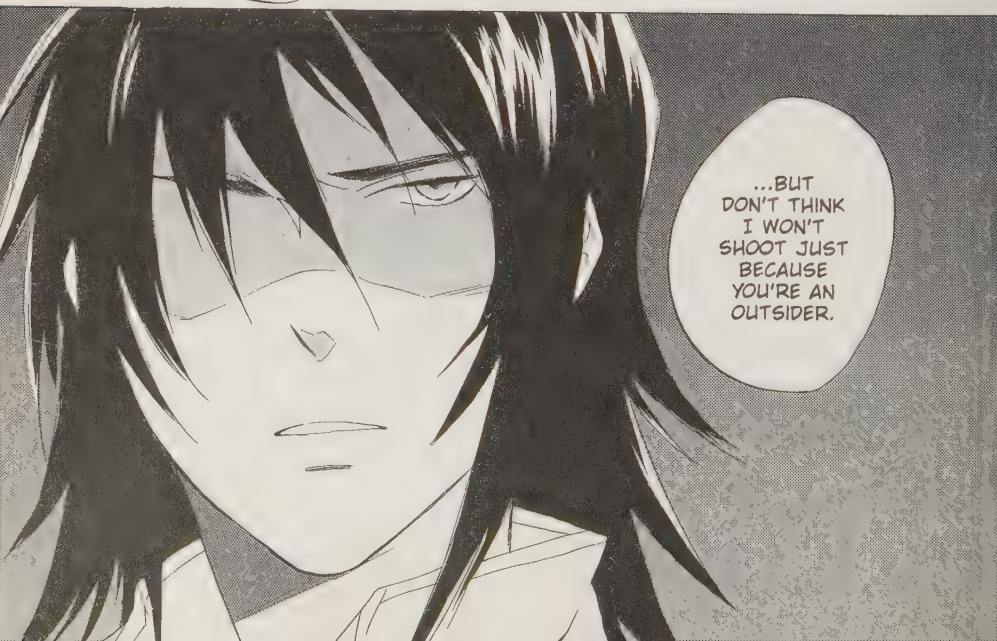
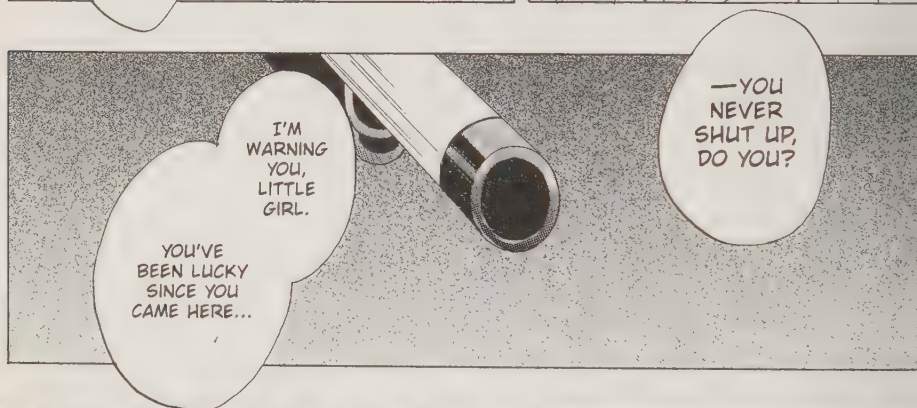
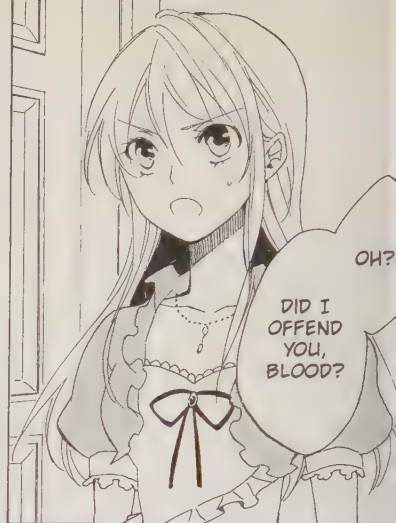
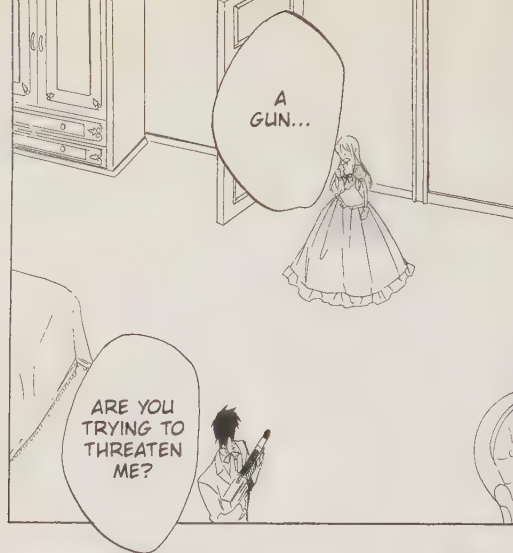
YOU HAVE
HIS FACE, BUT
THAT BLACK
HEART IS ALL
YOURS.

SHUN
(GAMES)



...YOU'RE
NOT HALF
THE MAN
HE IS!





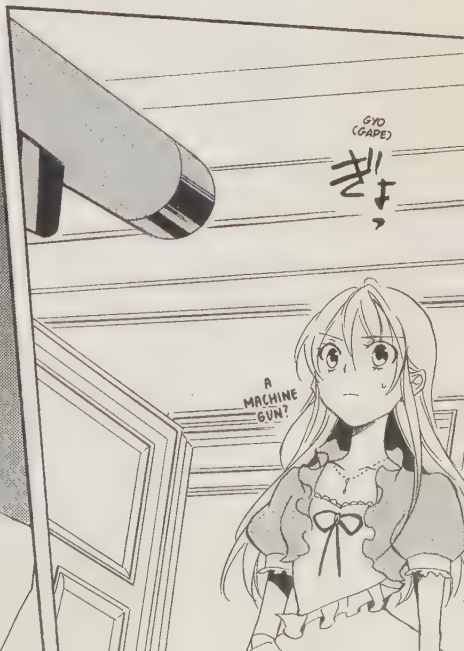


GASHA
(KA-CHAK)

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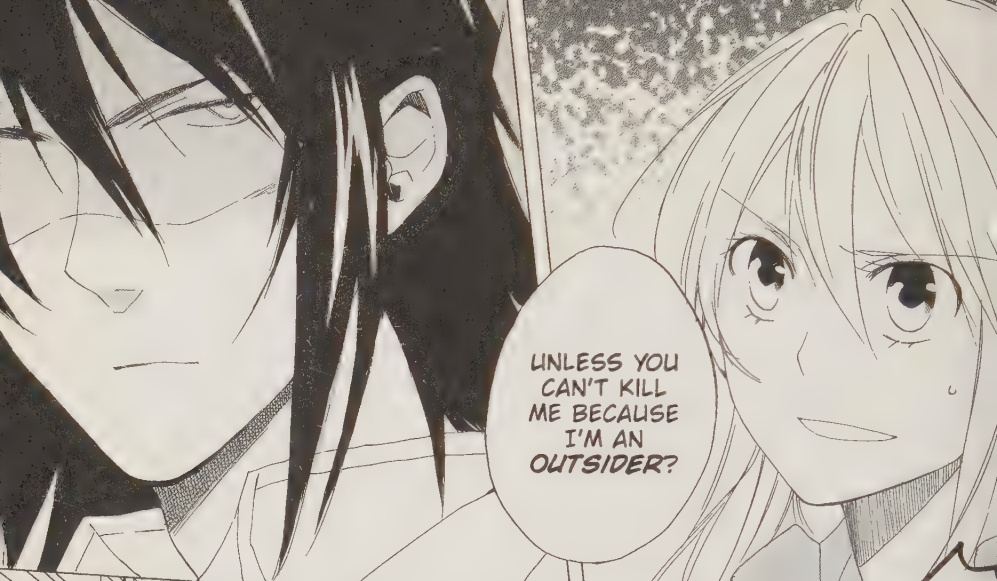
IF
HE'S SO
DIFFERENT,
STOP
COMPARING
ME TO
HIM.



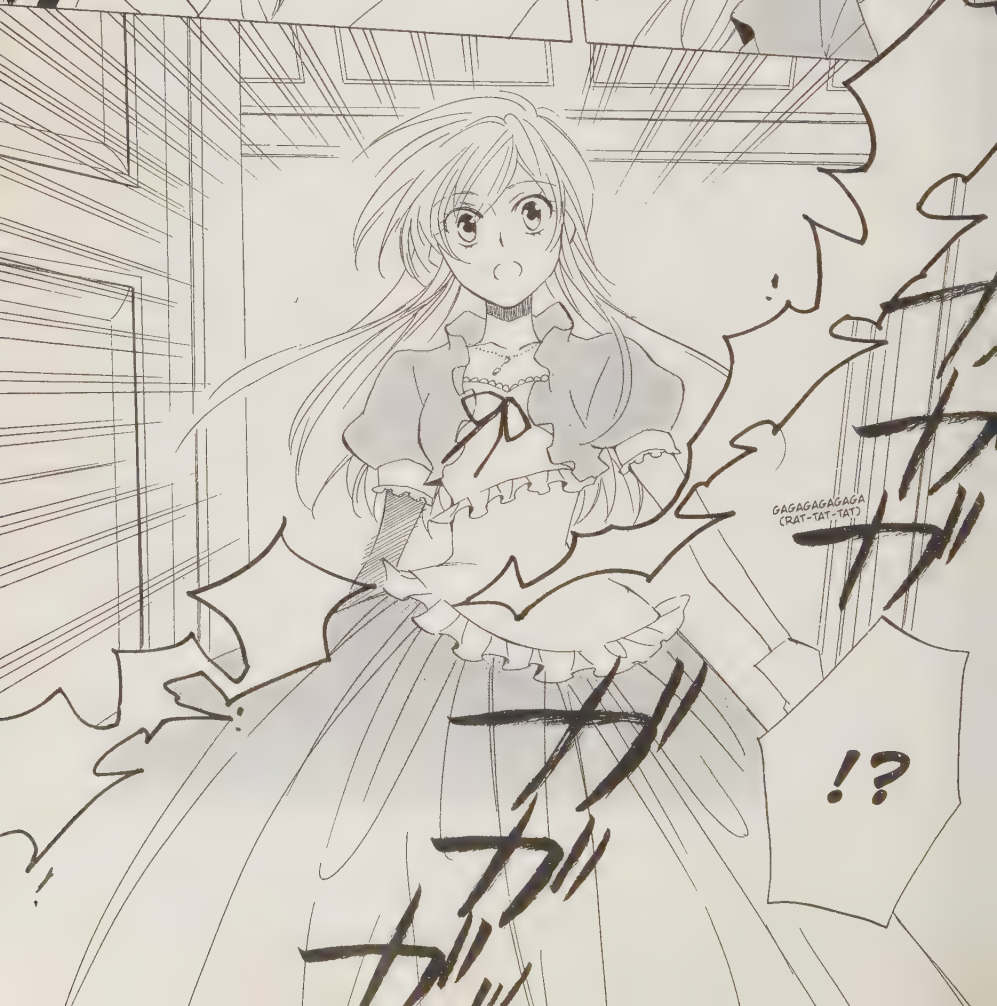
GYO
(GAPE)

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A
MACHINE
GUN?



UNLESS YOU
CAN'T KILL
ME BECAUSE
I'M AN
OUTSIDER?



GAGAGAGAGAGA
(CRAT-TAT-TAT)

!?



I'VE
BEEN IN
PLENTY OF
DANGER.

LUCKY?



WHO
CARES
IF I'M
AN OUT-
SIDER?

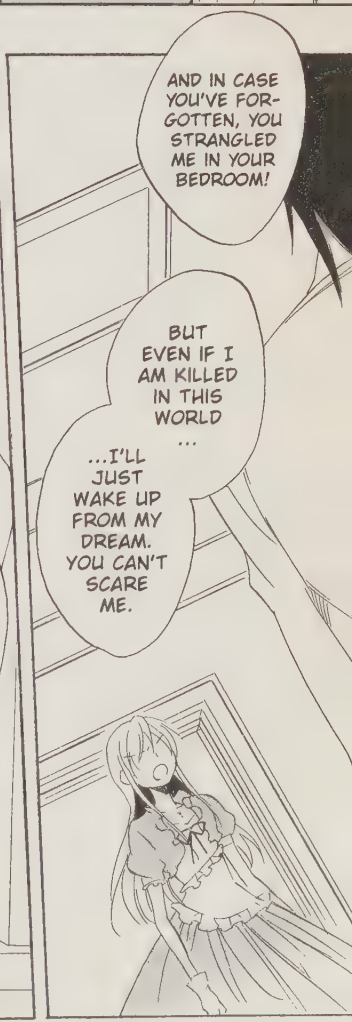
I DON'T
KNOW...

...WHY
YOU'RE SO
HUNG UP ON
THAT.



...I'VE
DECIDED I
HATE OUT-
SIDERS.

I
SHOULD
HAVE
KILLED
YOU BACK
THEN.

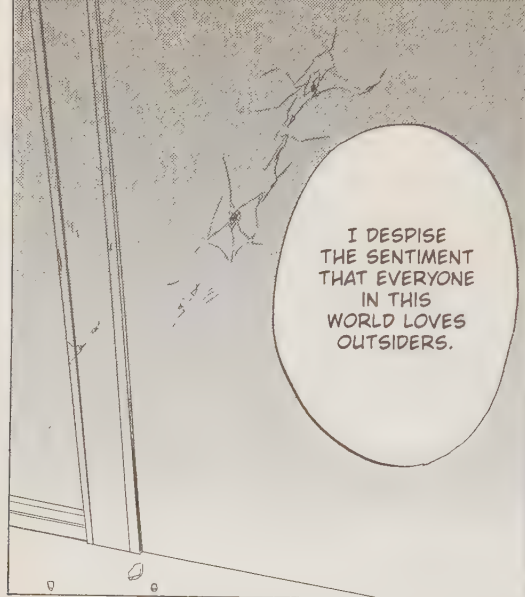


AND IN CASE
YOU'VE FOR-
GOTTEN, YOU
STRANGLER
ME IN YOUR
BEDROOM!

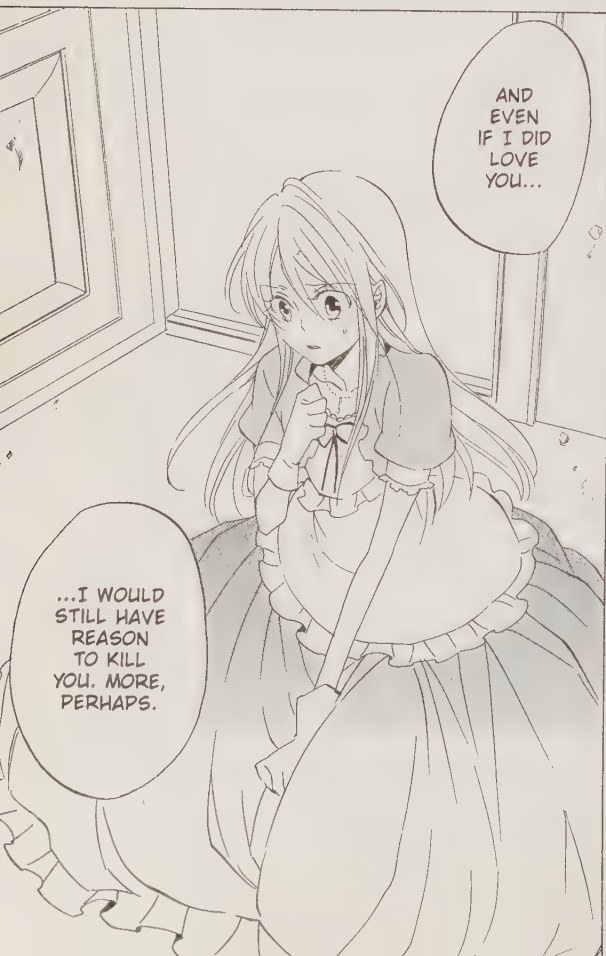
BUT
EVEN IF I
AM KILLED
IN THIS
WORLD

...

...I'LL
JUST
WAKE UP
FROM MY
DREAM.
YOU CAN'T
SCARE
ME.

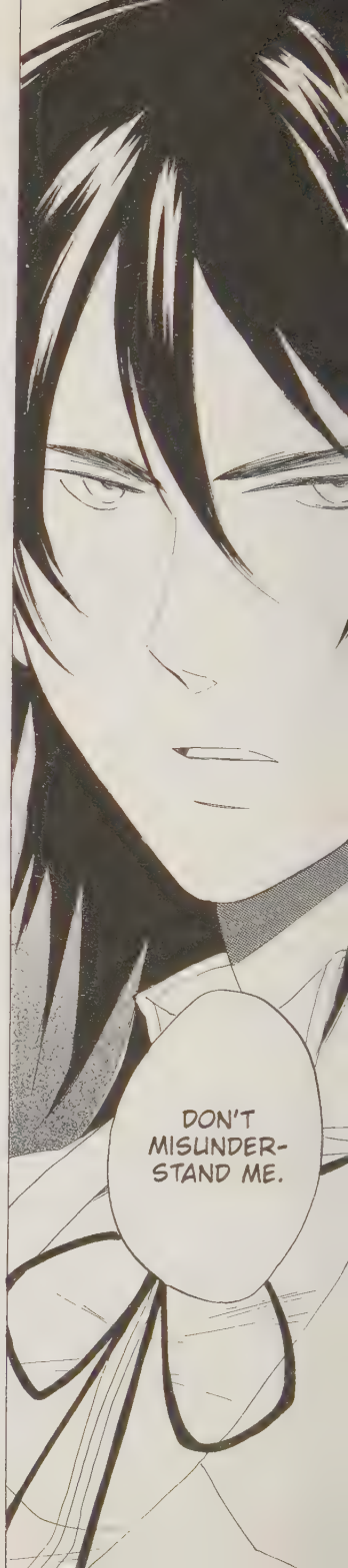


I DESPISE
THE SENTIMENT
THAT EVERYONE
IN THIS
WORLD LOVES
OUTSIDERS.



AND
EVEN
IF I DID
LOVE
YOU...

...I WOULD
STILL HAVE
REASON
TO KILL
YOU. MORE,
PERHAPS.



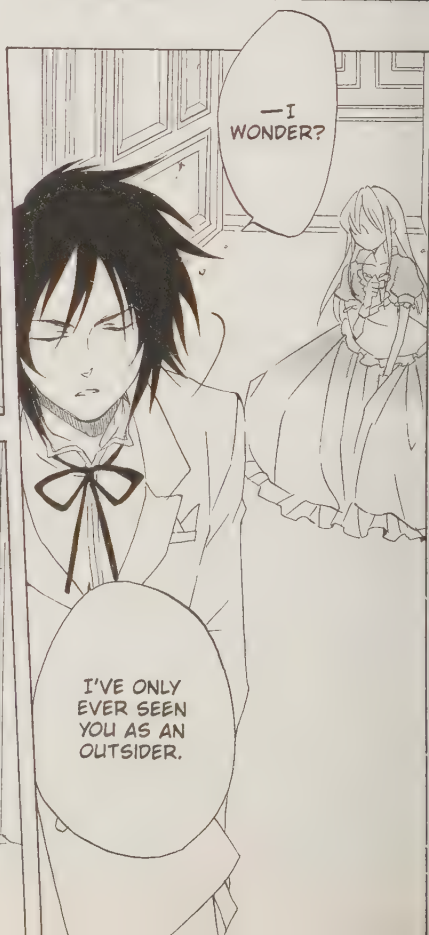
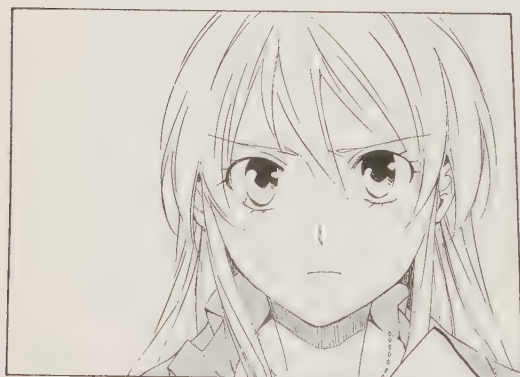
DON'T
MISUNDER-
STAND ME.





OR WOULD
YOU TREAT
ME LIKE THIS
WHETHER
I WAS AN
OUTSIDER
OR NOT?

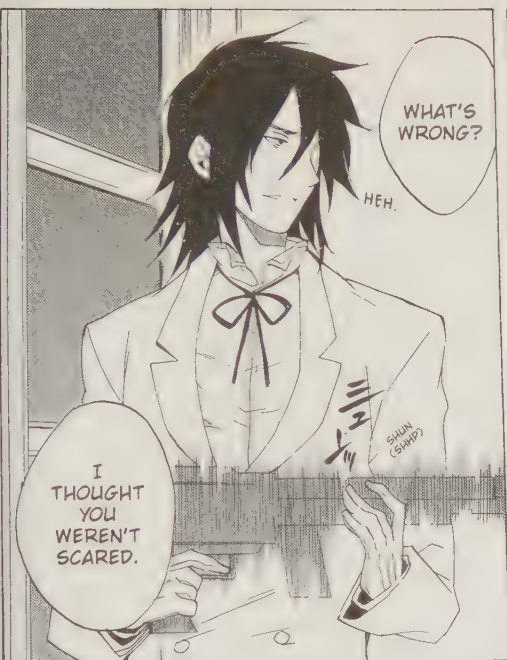
I CAN'T
HELP BEING
AN OUT-
SIDER.



—I
WONDER?

THEN
STOP
DOING
IT.

I'VE ONLY
EVER SEEN
YOU AS AN
OUTSIDER.

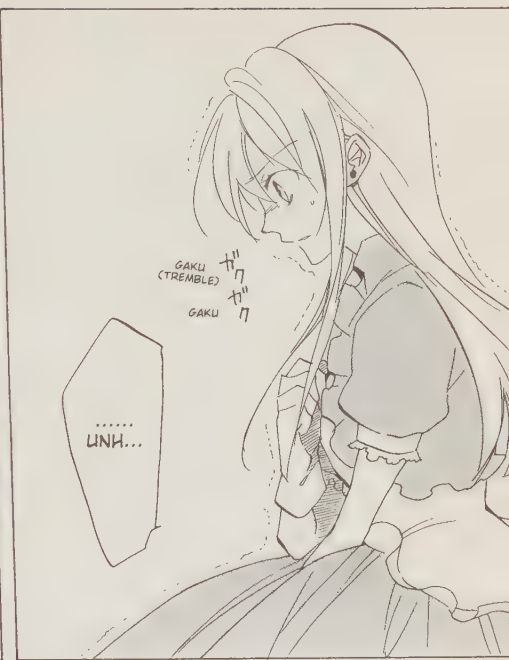


WHAT'S
WRONG?

HEH.

I
THOUGHT
YOU
WEREN'T
SCARED.

三ノ宮
シュン
(SHUN
(SHUN))

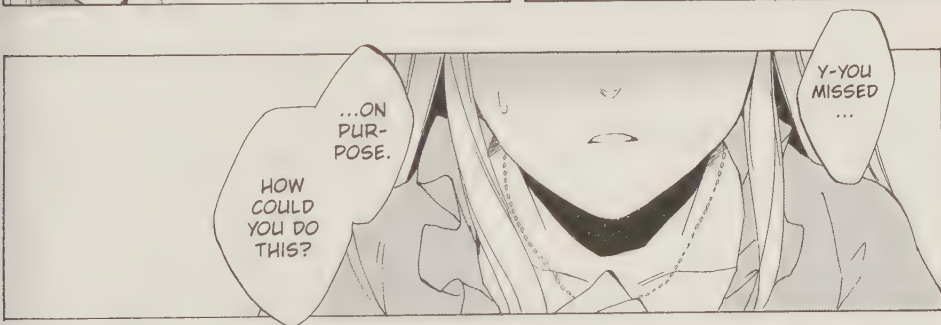


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(TREMBLE)

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GAKU

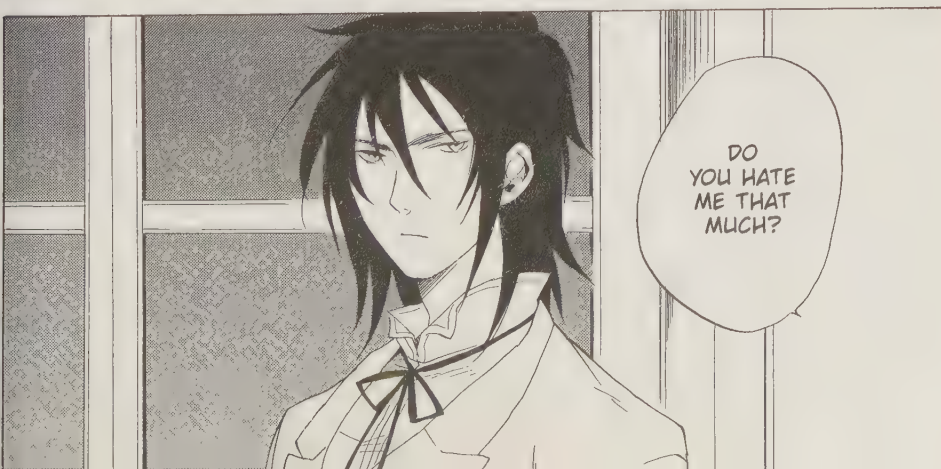
.....
UNH...



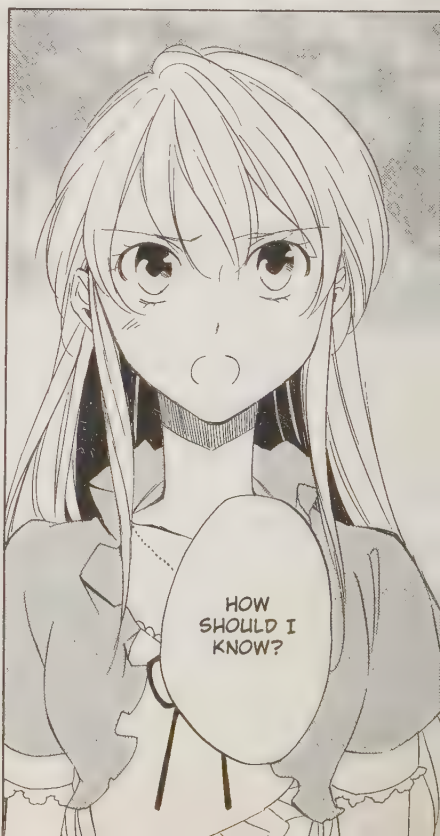
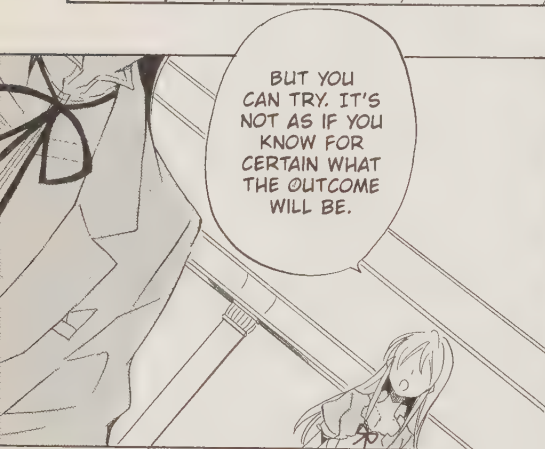
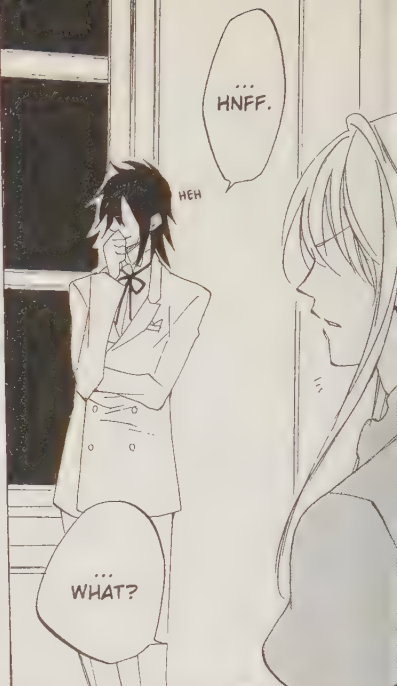
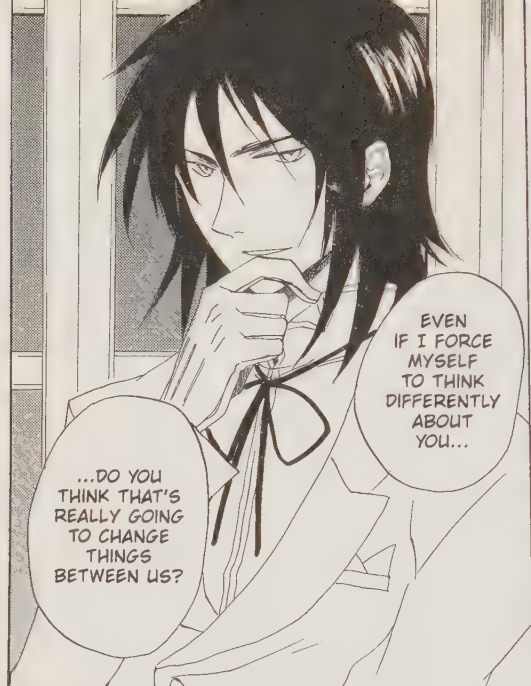
...ON
PUR-
POSE.

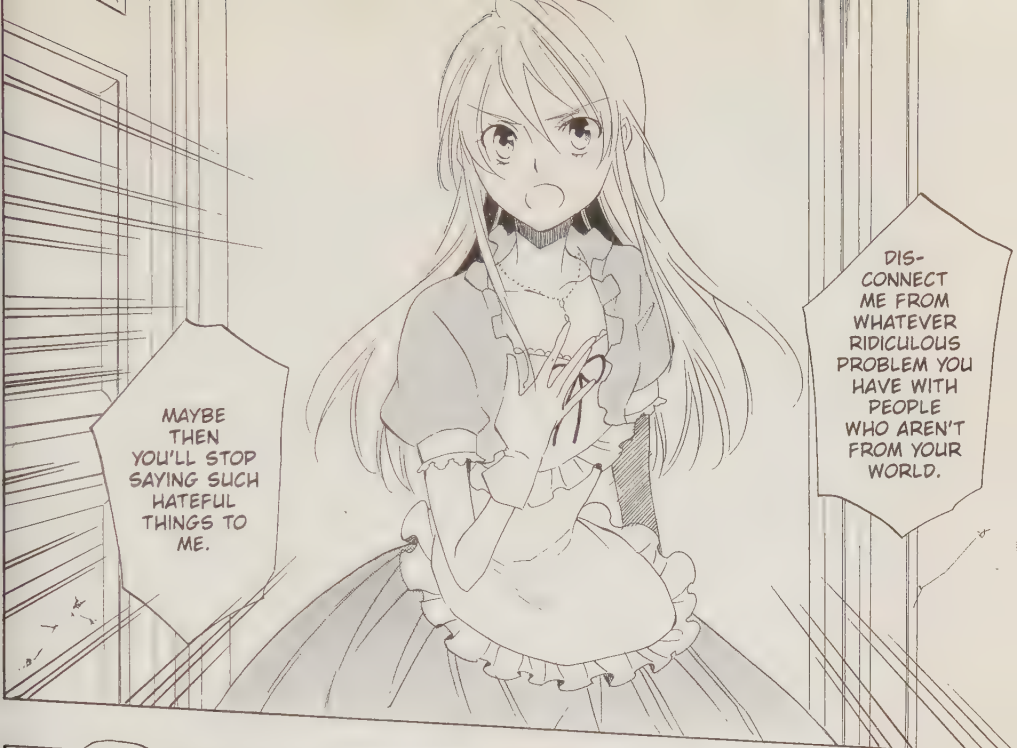
HOW
COULD
YOU DO
THIS?

Y-YOU
MISSED
...



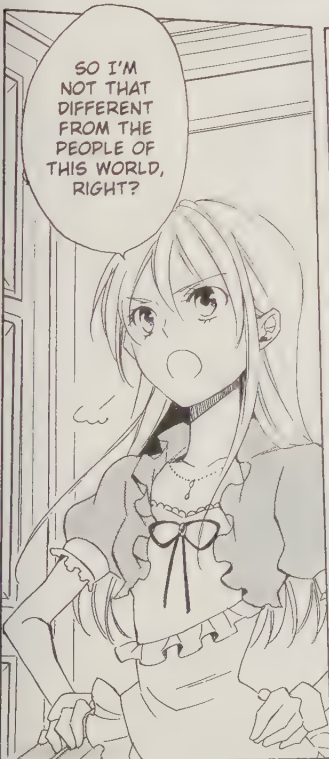
DO
YOU HATE
ME THAT
MUCH?



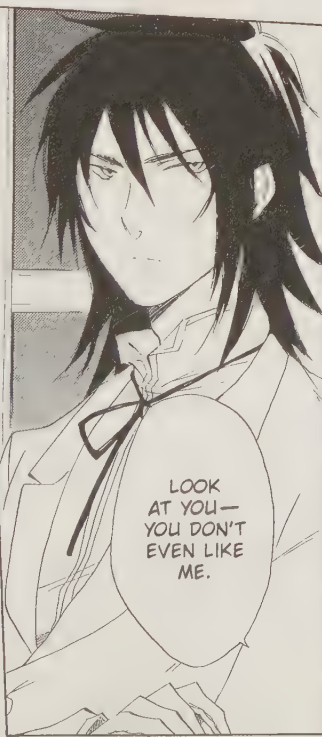


MAYBE
THEN
YOU'LL STOP
SAYING SUCH
HATEFUL
THINGS TO
ME.

DIS-
CONNECT
ME FROM
WHATEVER
RIDICULOUS
PROBLEM YOU
HAVE WITH
PEOPLE
WHO AREN'T
FROM YOUR
WORLD.



SO I'M
NOT THAT
DIFFERENT
FROM THE
PEOPLE OF
THIS WORLD,
RIGHT?

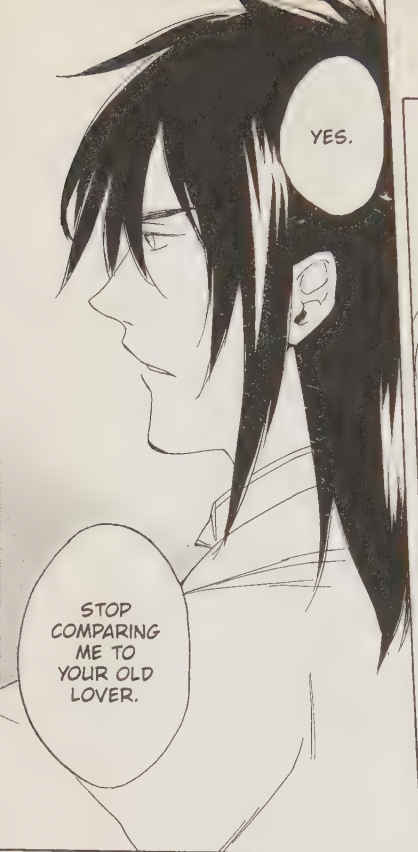


LOOK
AT YOU—
YOU DON'T
EVEN LIKE
ME.



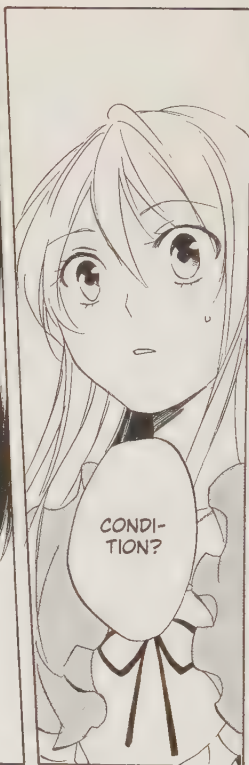
IT'S NOT
AS IF I
HAVE
SPECIAL
POWERS.

AND I DON'T
THINK IT'S
TRUE THAT
EVERYONE
FALLS IN LOVE
WITH ME!



YES.

STOP
COMPARING
ME TO
YOUR OLD
LOVER.



CONDI-
TION?



I'LL START
CONSIDERING
YOU A LOCAL
AND NOT AN
OUTSIDER.

—ON ONE
CONDITION.



YOU DO
REMINDE
ME OF
HIM.

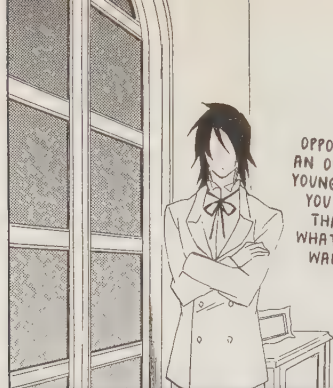
JUST
BECAUSE
YOU
LOOK
THE
SAME.



IF YOU WANT
ME TO NOT
SEE YOU AS AN
"OUTSIDER," YOU
HAVE TO STOP
MENTIONING
SOMEONE
FROM THE
"OUTSIDE."

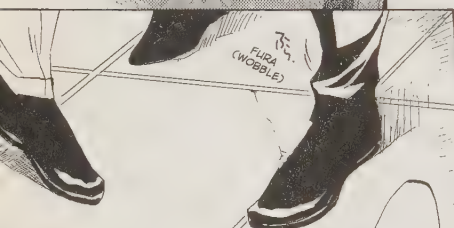
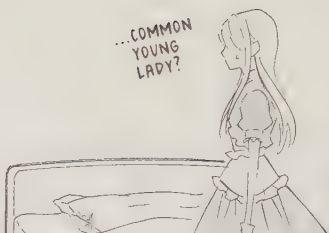
UH...
I GUESS
THAT'S
FAIR.





AS
OPPOSED TO
AN OUTSIDER
YOUNG LADY.
YOU SAID
THAT'S
WHAT YOU
WANT.

...COMMON
YOUNG
LADY?



ふらふら
(WOBBLE)

UGH...

BE
GENTLE
WITH ME,
ACE...



GEEZ,
JULIUS.

YOU
HOLD
YOUR
LIQUOR
LIKE A
LITTLE
BABY.

I GUESS WE
MANAGED TO...

...MEET IN
THE MIDDLE
SOMEHOW...

ARE YOU
SERIOUSLY
THAT
SENSITIVE?

THAT'S
BECAUSE
YOU
WERE—!

AND HE
WAS VERY
KIND...

...OH.

I
THOUGHT
YOU SAID
YOU'D
STOP

AND YOU'VE
MADE IT CLEAR
YOU THINK OF
HIM AS THE
BETTER MAN.

HMPH.

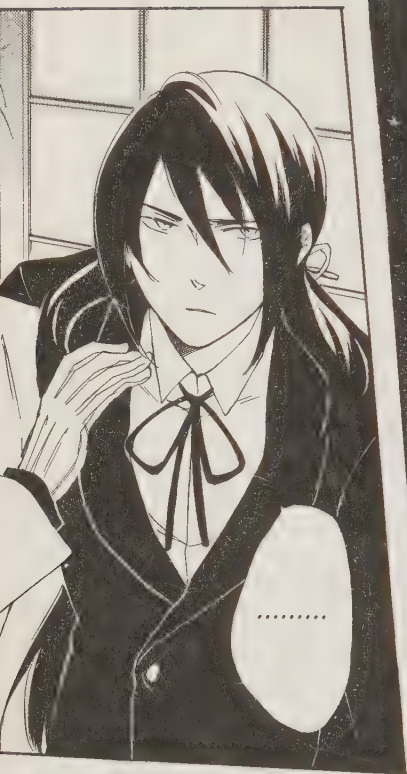
I'LL
TRY TO
SEE YOU
AS A
COMMON
YOUNG
LADY.

THEN I'LL
ALSO "TRY
MY BEST."

...I'LL
TRY MY
BEST.

FAIR?

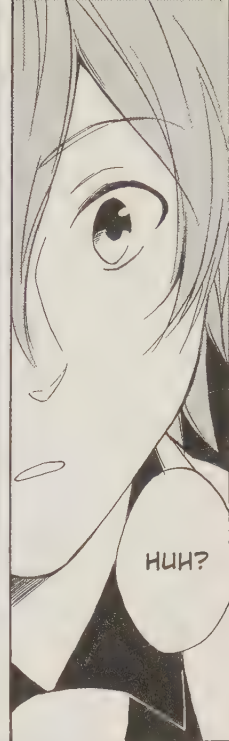
IT
MIGHT
TAKE
SOME
TIME,
BUT...



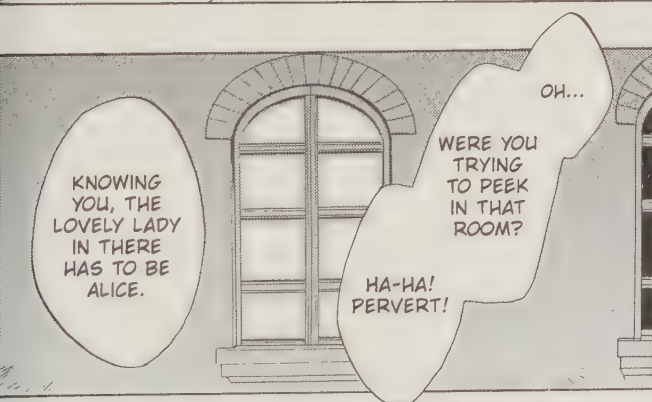
AND THE
DEADLINE
IS NEAR.



HEY,
PETER.



HUH?

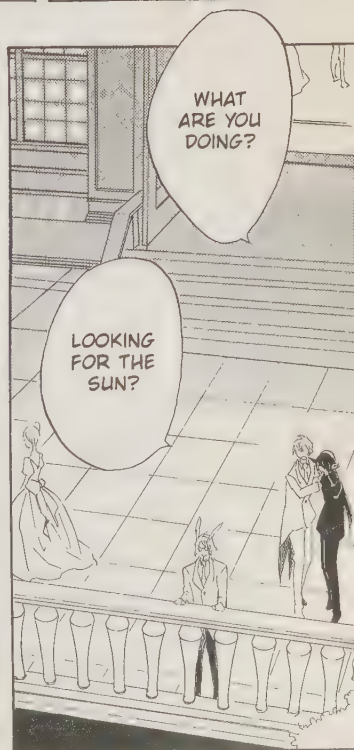


KNOWING
YOU, THE
LOVELY LADY
IN THERE
HAS TO BE
ALICE.

OH...

WERE YOU
TRYING
TO PEEK
IN THAT
ROOM?

HA-HA!
PERVERT!

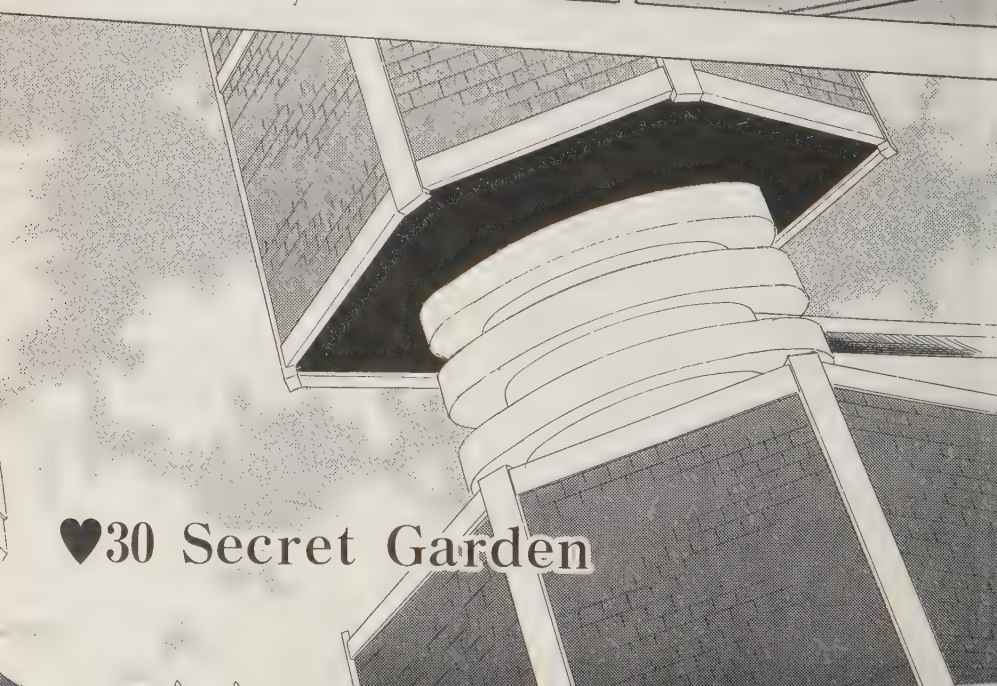


WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?

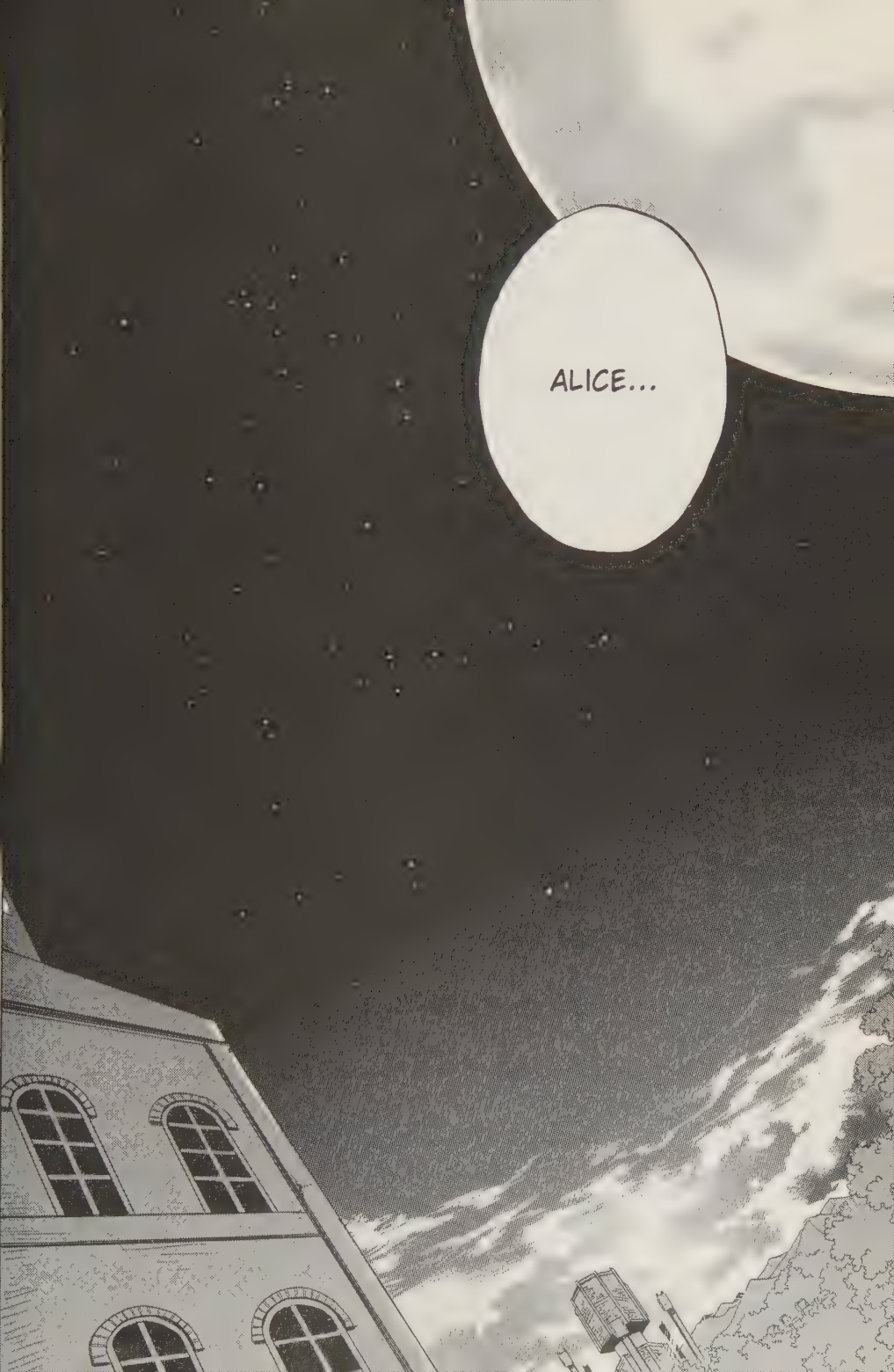
LOOKING
FOR THE
SUN?



...SHE'S
NOT
THERE.



♥30 Secret Garden

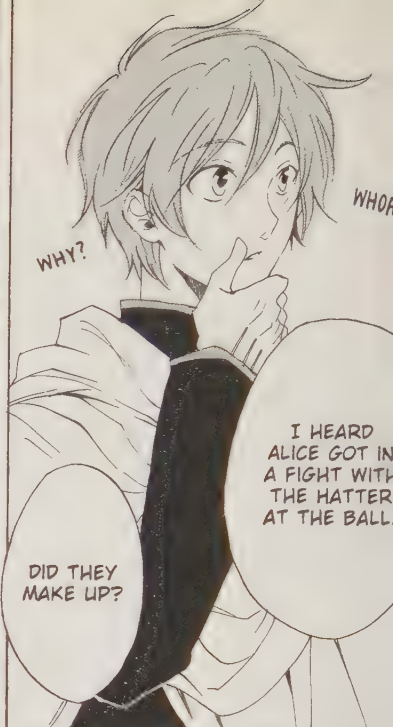


ALICE...



BUT LATER
HE WAS ALL
DEPRESSED...
IT DOESN'T
MAKE SENSE.

THEN
AGAIN,
THERE WERE
SERVANTS
WHO SAW
ALICE AND
PETER ALL
OVER EACH
OTHER
IN THE
HALLWAY.



WHY?

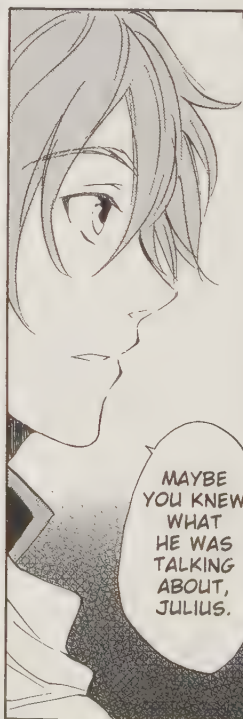
WHOP

DID THEY
MAKE UP?

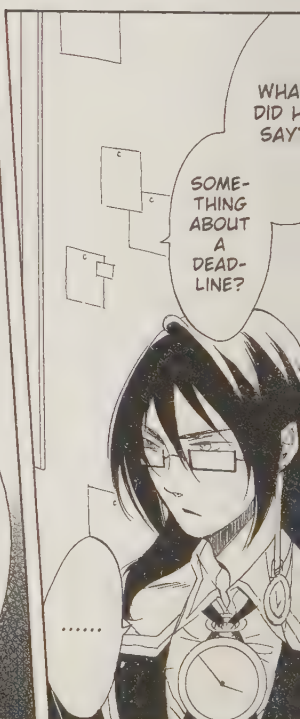
I HEARD
ALICE GOT IN
A FIGHT WITH
THE HATTER
AT THE BALL.



I
HAVE NO
COMMENT.

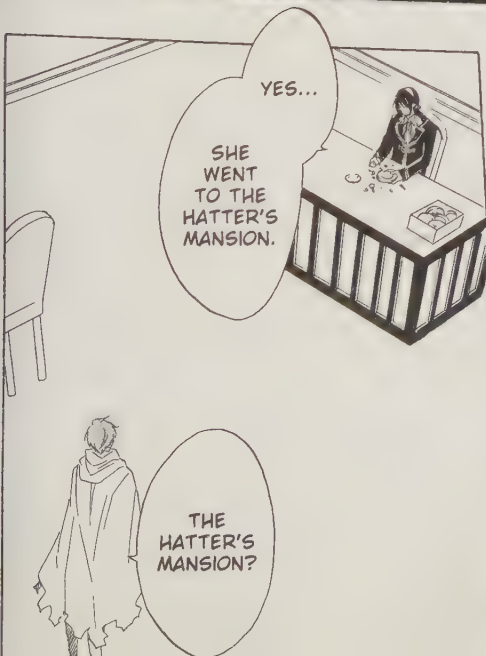
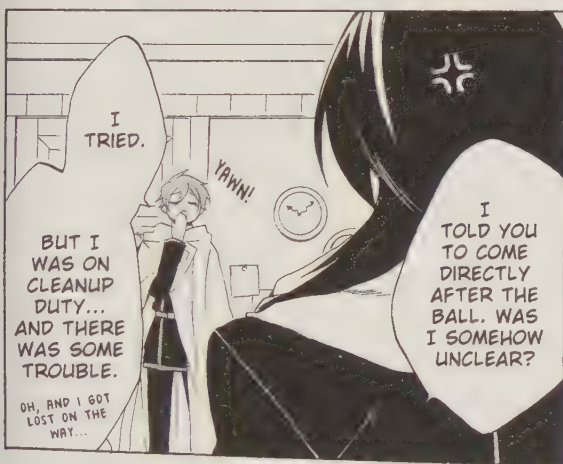
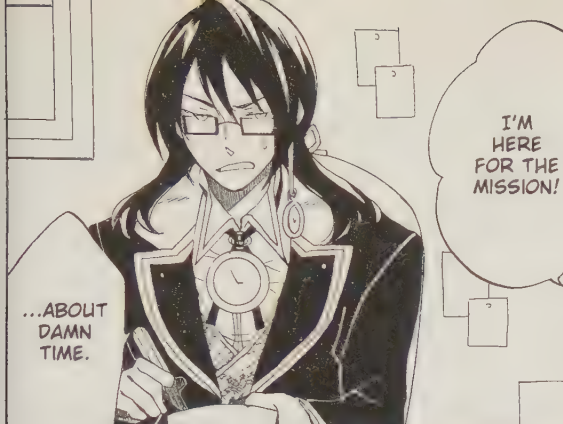


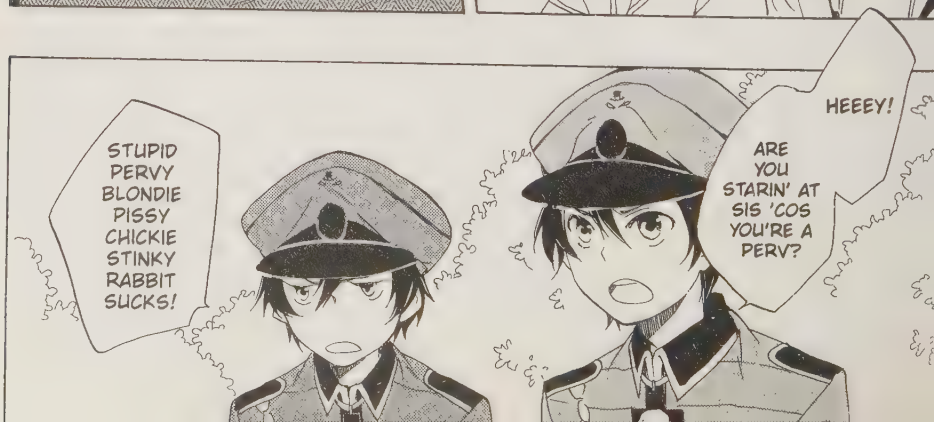
MAYBE
YOU KNEW
WHAT
HE WAS
TALKING
ABOUT,
JULIUS.

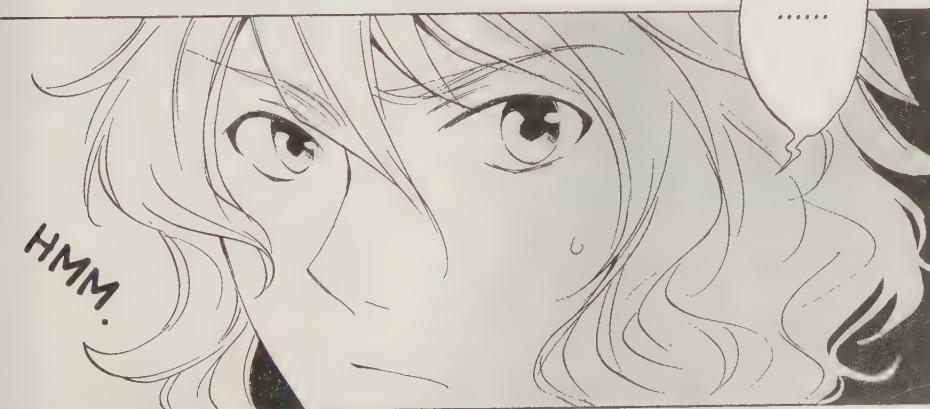
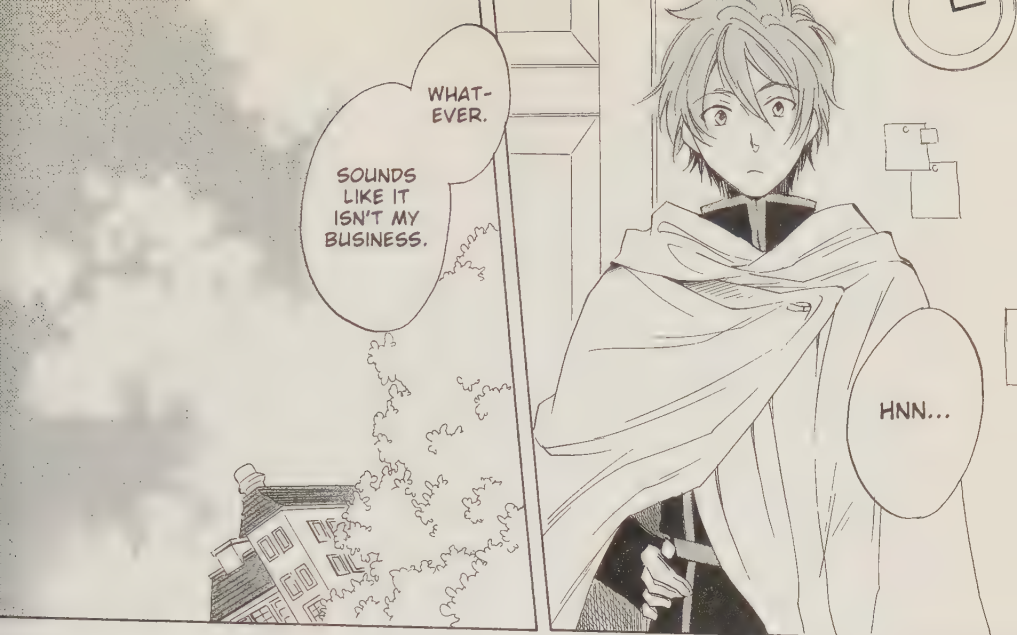


WHAT
DID HE
SAY?

SOME-
THING
ABOUT
A DEAD-
LINE?



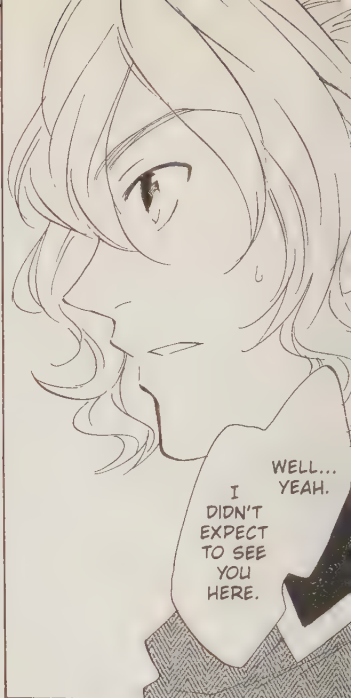




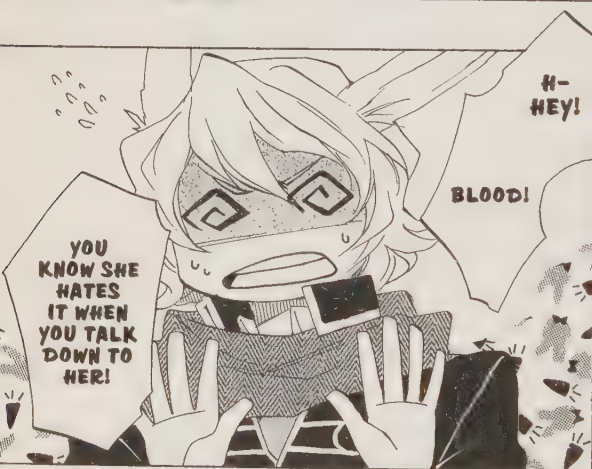


DOES
THIS MEAN
YOU MADE
UP...?

DIDN'T
SOMETHING
HAPPEN
BETWEEN YOU
GUYS IN THE
BALLROOM?



WELL...
YEAH.
I
DIDN'T
EXPECT
TO SEE
YOU
HERE.



YOU
KNOW SHE
HATES
IT WHEN
YOU TALK
DOWN TO
HER!

H-
HEY!

BLOOD!



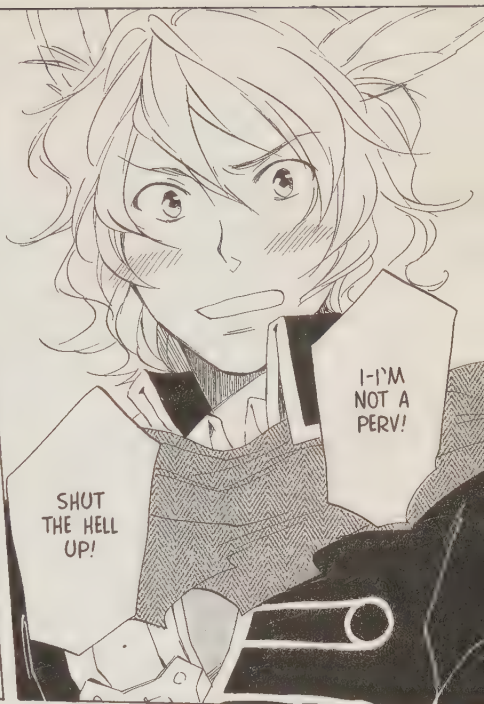
THAT'S
NOT
WHAT
HE'S
DOING.

CALM
DOWN,
ELLIOT.



MY FIGHT
WAS NOT WITH
THIS COMMON
YOUNG LADY,
WHO IS
NOTHING MORE
THAN WHAT
SITS BEFORE
YOU.

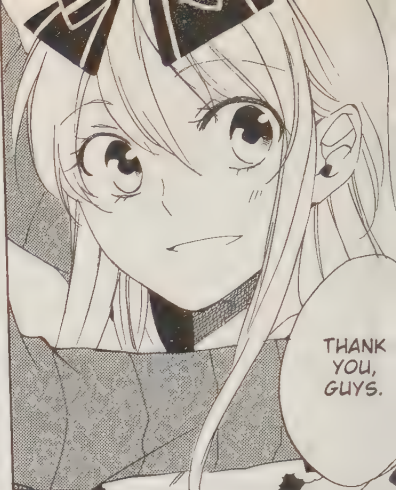
"MADE
UP"?



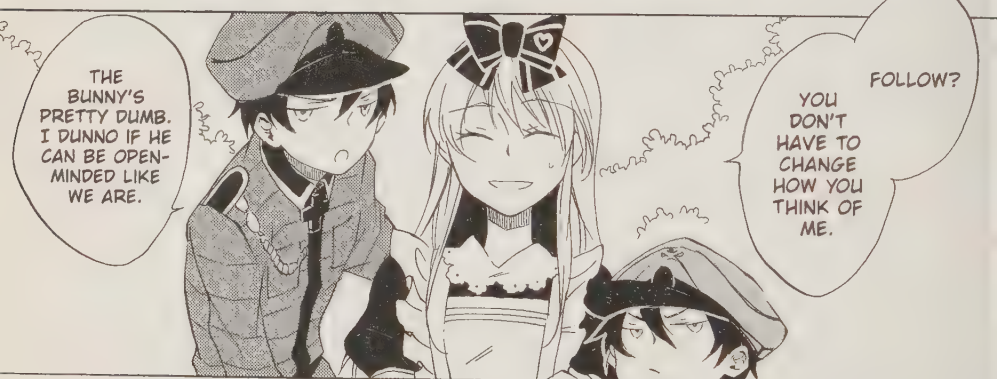


OKAY.

IF IT
HELPS
YOU TWO
GET
ALONG,
I'LL
FOLLOW.



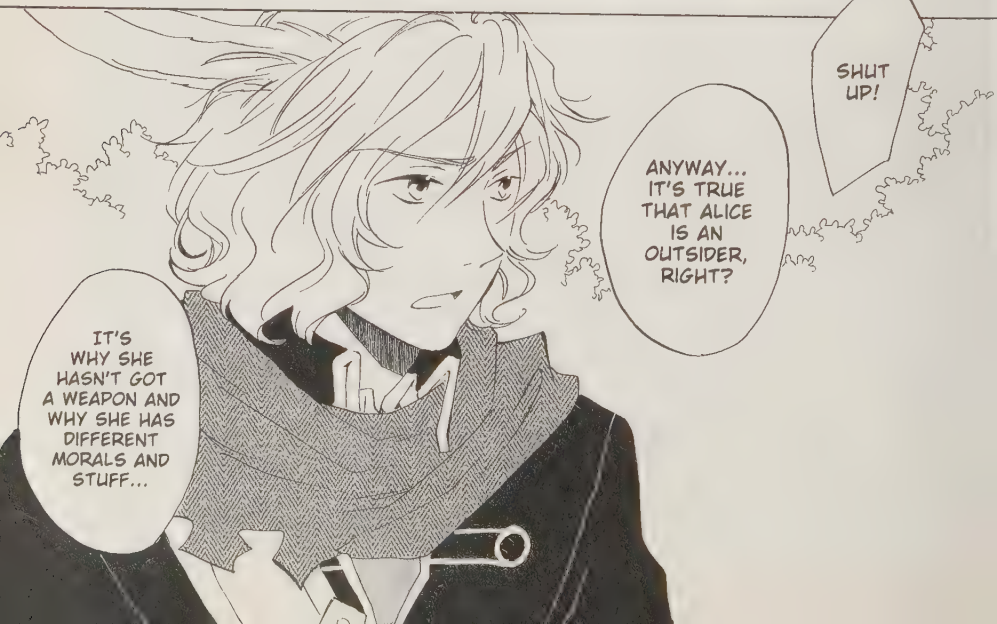
THANK
YOU,
GUYS.



THE
BUNNY'S
PRETTY DUMB.
I DUNNO IF HE
CAN BE OPEN-
MINDED LIKE
WE ARE.

FOLLOW?

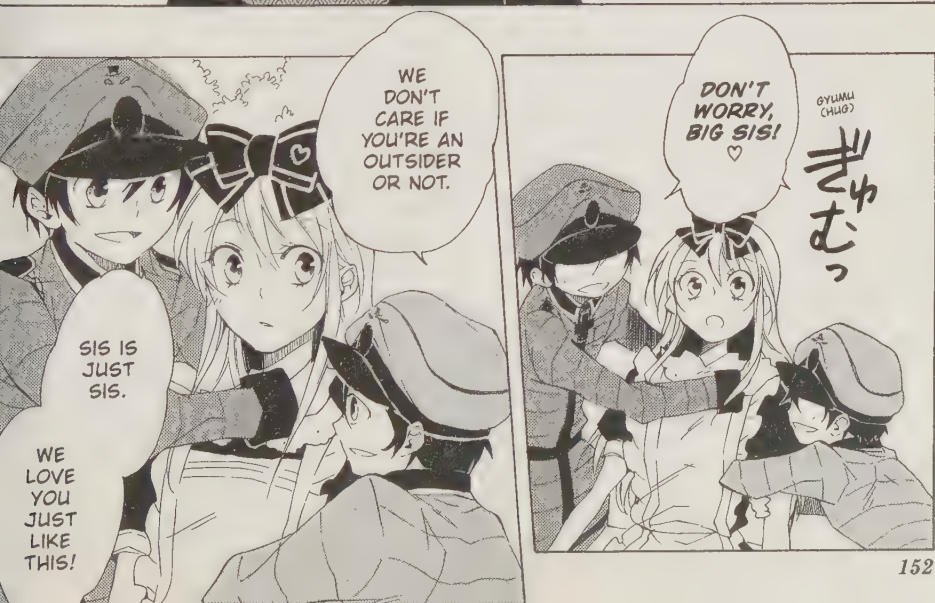
YOU
DON'T
HAVE TO
CHANGE
HOW YOU
THINK OF
ME.

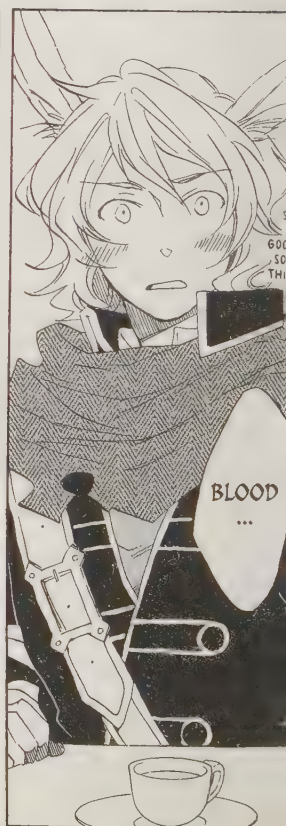
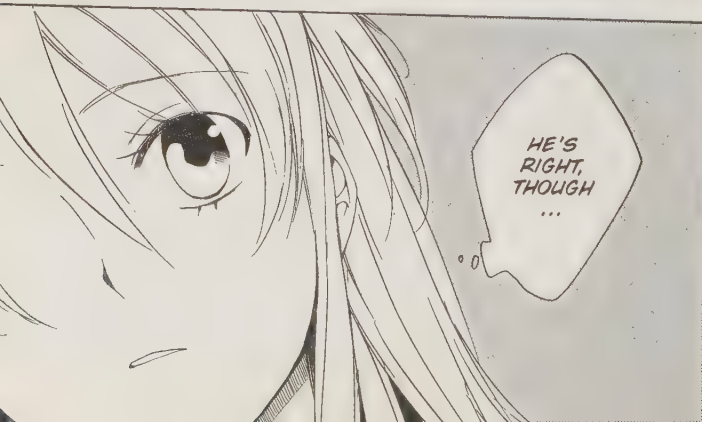
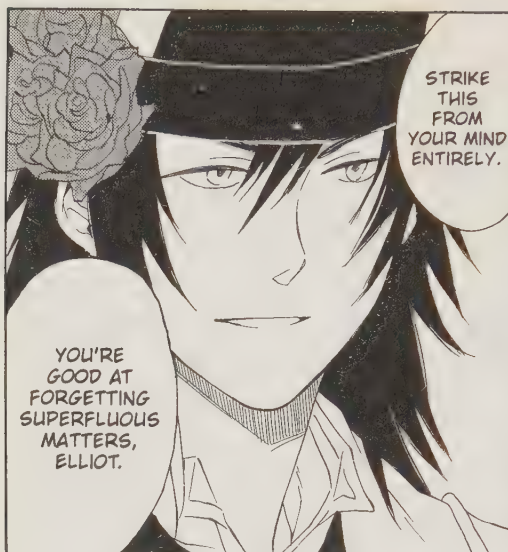


IT'S
WHY SHE
HASN'T GOT
A WEAPON AND
WHY SHE HAS
DIFFERENT
MORALS AND
STUFF...

ANYWAY...
IT'S TRUE
THAT ALICE
IS AN
OUTSIDER,
RIGHT?

SHUT
UP!







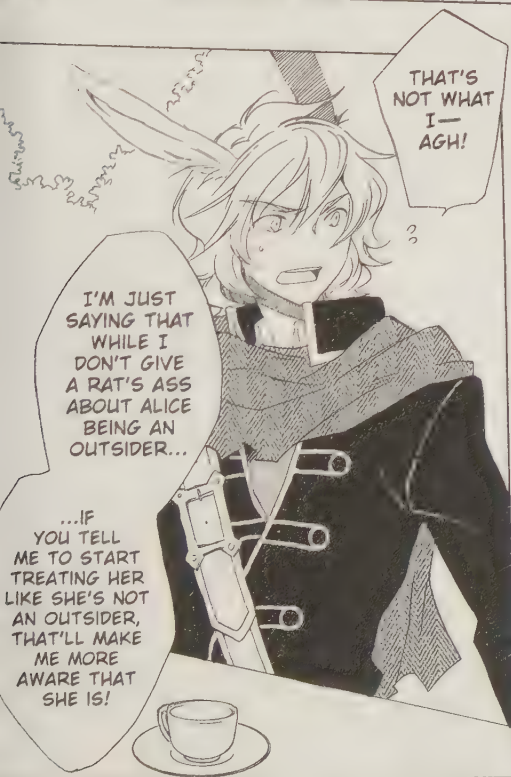
.....



...YES.
IT'S
JUST...



WELL...



THAT'S
NOT WHAT
I—
AGH!

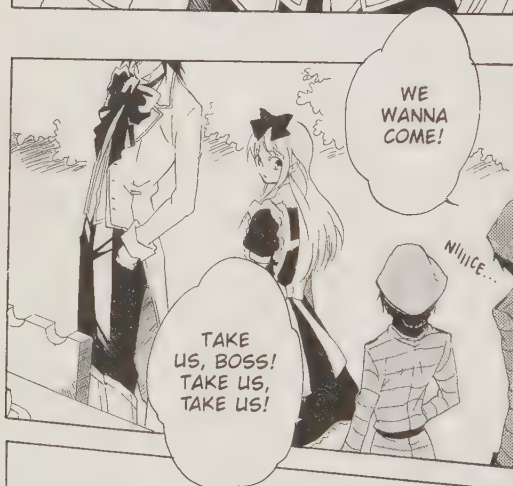
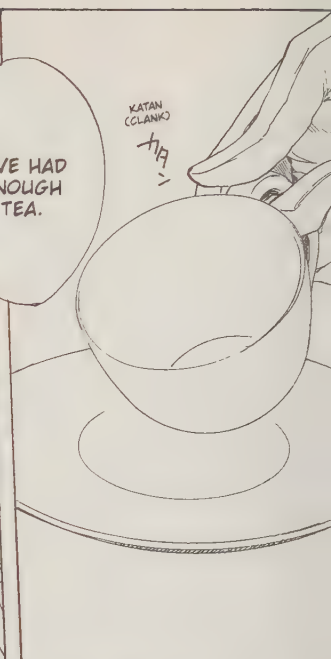
I'M JUST
SAYING THAT
WHILE I
DON'T GIVE
A RAT'S ASS
ABOUT ALICE
BEING AN
OUTSIDER...

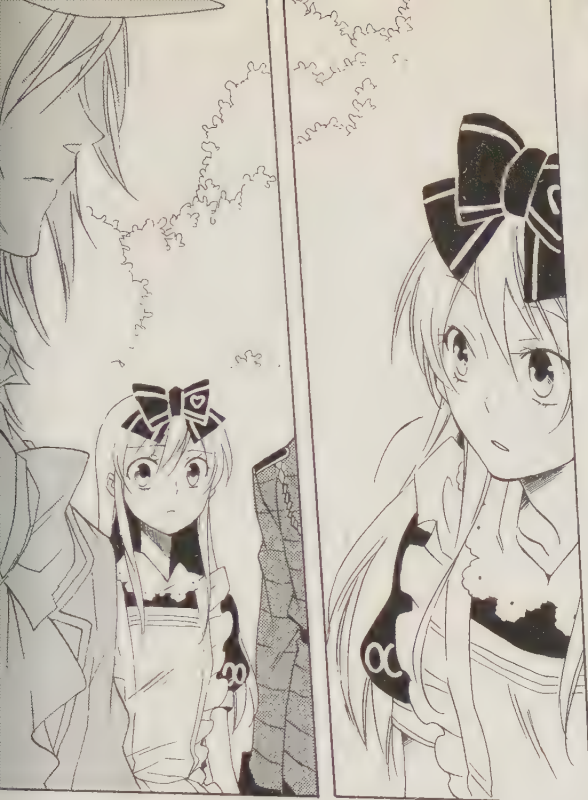
...IF
YOU TELL
ME TO START
TREATING HER
LIKE SHE'S NOT
AN OUTSIDER,
THAT'LL MAKE
ME MORE
AWARE THAT
SHE IS!



GET
BENT,
BUNNY!!

IF YOU
MAKE SIS
SAD, WE'RE
GONNA KICK
YOUR FLUFFY
BUTT.





I AM AN
OUTSIDER.

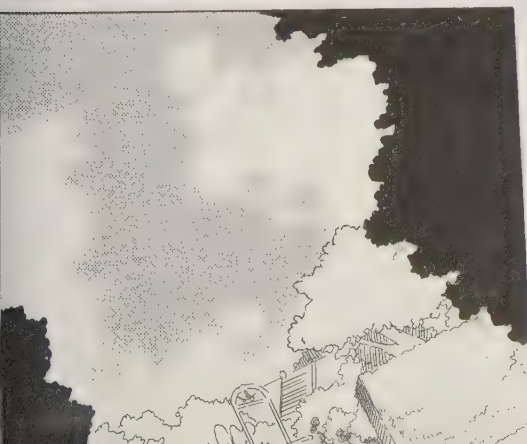


AND
BLOOD MUST
KNOW THAT
TOO...

IT'S A FACT
THAT I CAN'T
CHANGE — ...

THE
ROSE
GARDEN
...?



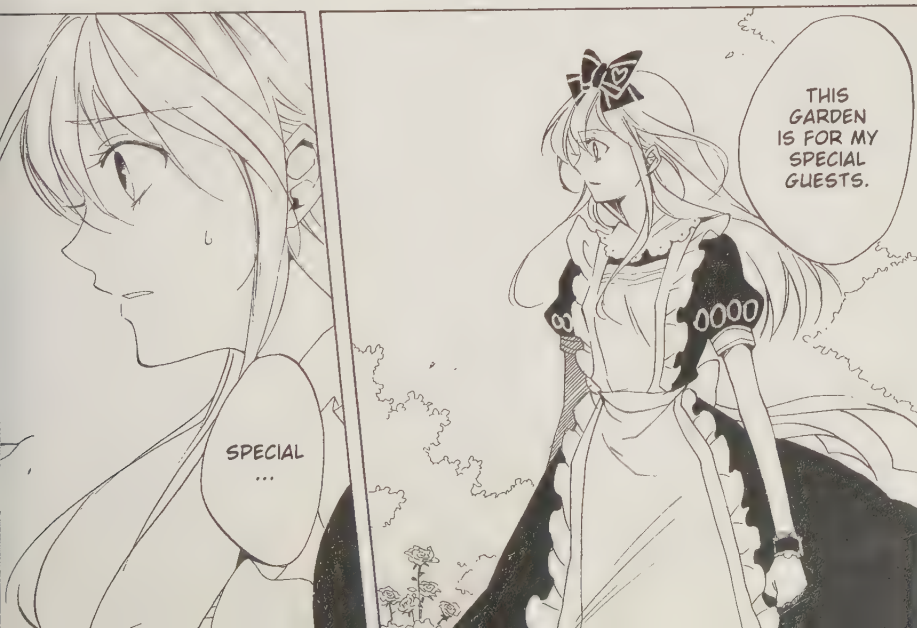
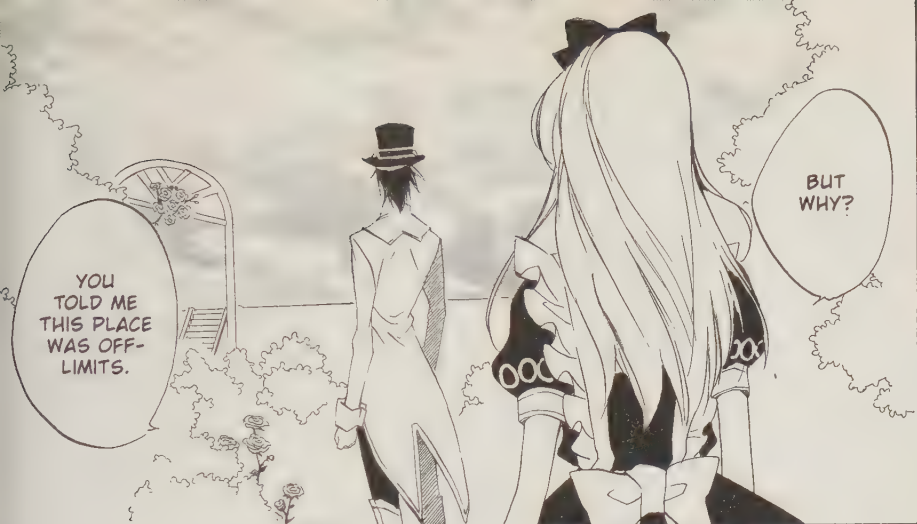


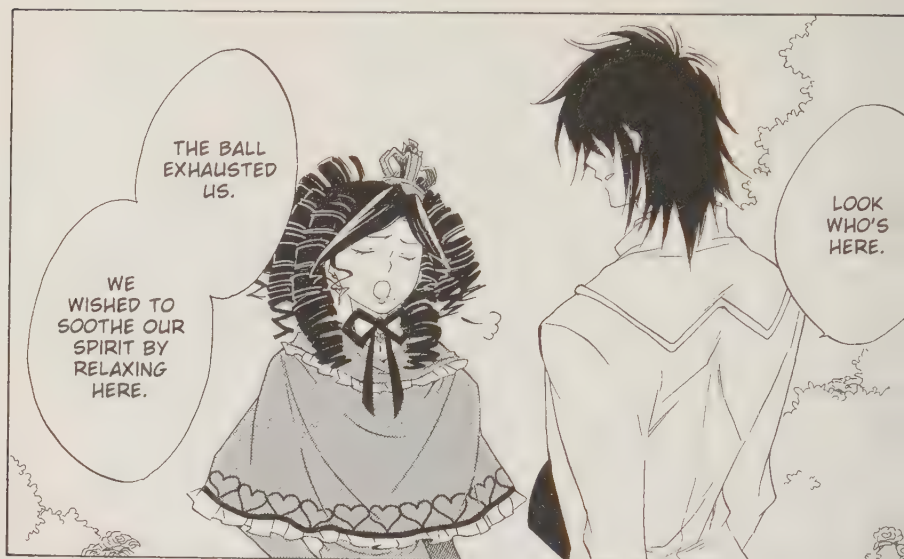


...HUH?

YOU MEAN
I'M STILL
A SPECIAL
OUTSIDER
TO YOU?







THE BALL
EXHAUSTED
US.

WE
WISHED TO
SOOTHE OUR
SPIRIT BY
RELAXING
HERE.

LOOK
WHO'S
HERE.

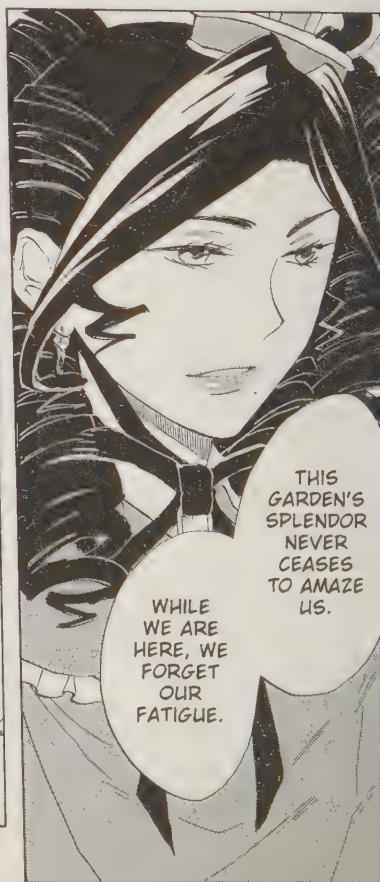


WHAT IS
THIS...?



THEY WERE
SCREAMING
AT EACH
OTHER
DURING THE
BALL.

BUT NOW
THEY'RE
HERE AGAIN,
AND THEY'RE
ACTING SO
DIFFERENT...

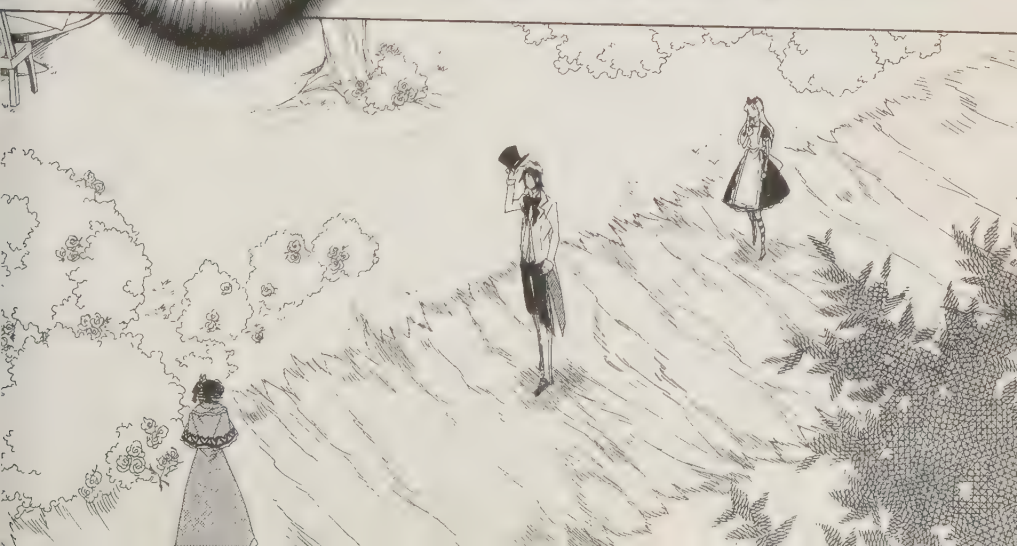


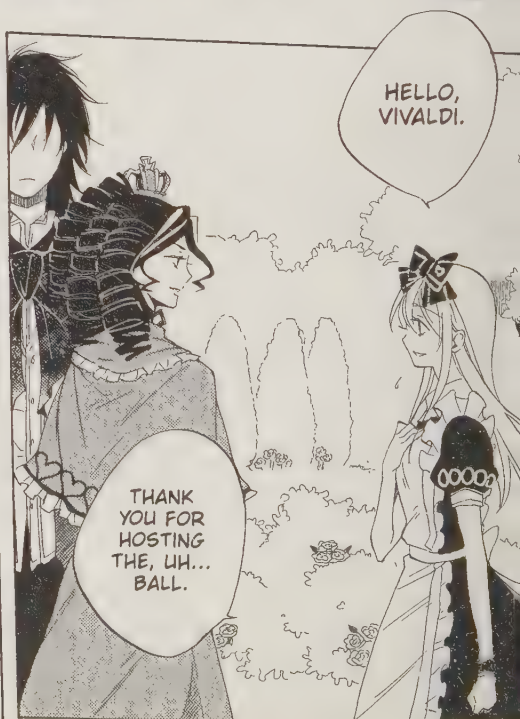
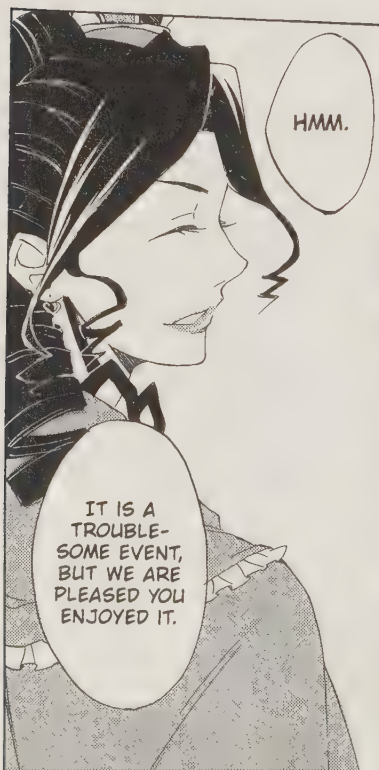
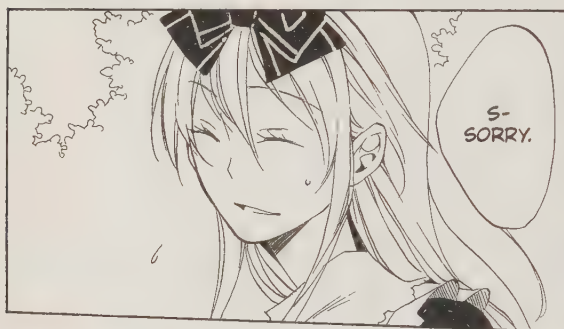
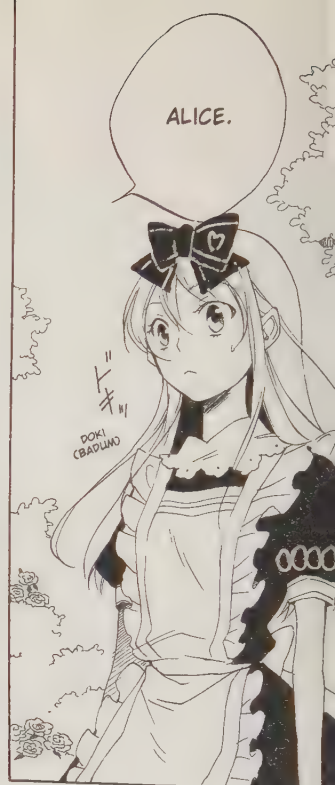
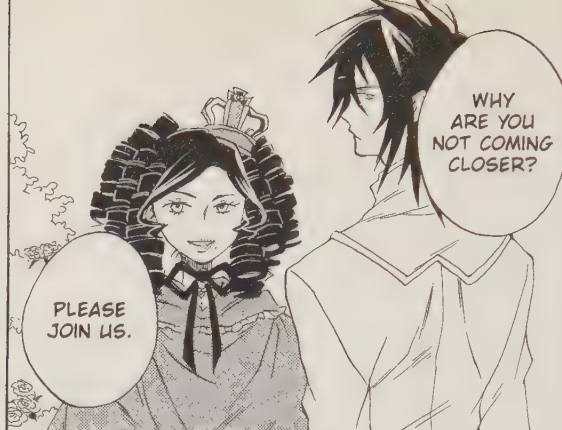
THIS
GARDEN'S
SPLENDOR
NEVER
CEASES
TO AMAZE
US.

WHILE
WE ARE
HERE, WE
FORGET
OUR
FATIGUE.



VIVALDI!







ZUKI
(TWINGE)

MORE
SPECIAL
THAN AN
"OUTSIDER"
IN THIS
WORLD...



HOW CAN
THEY NOT
BE SECRET
LOVERS—?



HE JUST
SAID THIS
PLACE IS
FOR HIS
SPECIAL
GUESTS.

THAT
MEANS
BLOOD
CONSIDERS
VIVALDI
SPECIAL.



...AND YOU
WON'T HAVE
A SCARY
DREAM
ANYMORE.

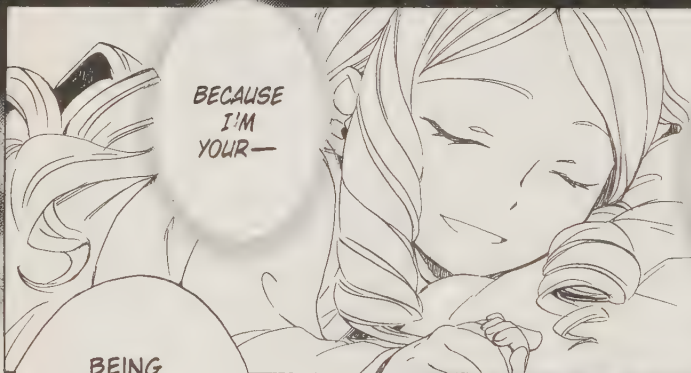
R-
REALLY?



YEAH.
GUSU
(SNIFF)

DID
YOU HAVE
A SCARY
DREAM?

THEN YOU
CAN SLEEP
IN MY BED.
I'LL HOLD
YOUR HAND...



BECAUSE
I'M
YOUR—

REALLY.

I KNOW
YOU BETTER
THAN
ANYONE,
ALICE.

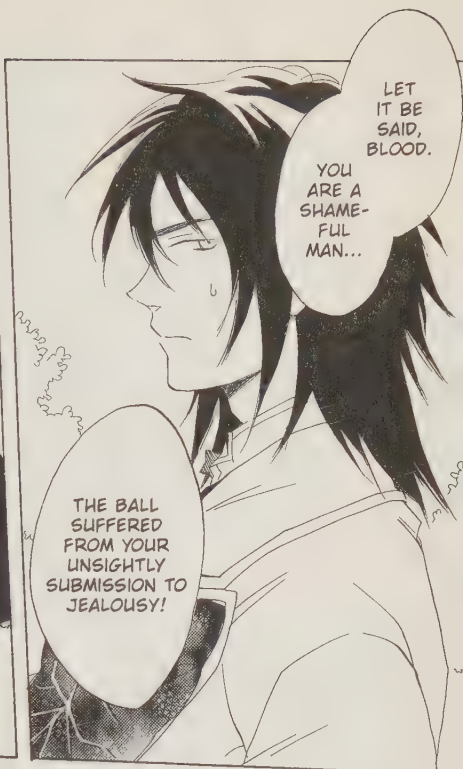
BEING
MY OLDER
SISTER
DOESN'T GIVE
YOU PSYCHIC
POWERS,
VIVALDI.





YOU'LL
RECALL I
TOLD YOU
I WASN'T
JEALOUS.

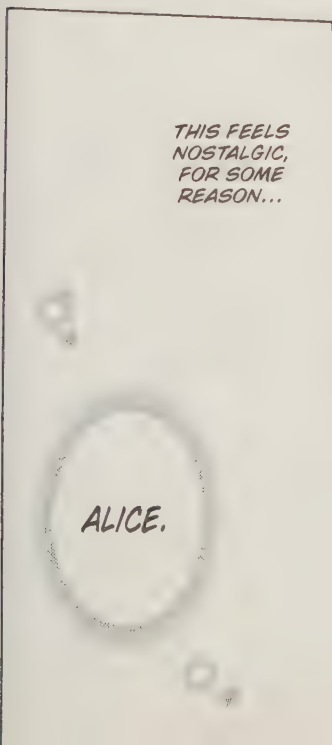
OH?



LET
IT BE
SAID,
BLOOD.

YOU
ARE A
SHAME-
FUL
MAN...

THE BALL
SUFFERED
FROM YOUR
UNSIGHTLY
SUBMISSION TO
JEALOUSY!



THIS FEELS
NOSTALGIC,
FOR SOME
REASON...

ALICE.



WHO DO
YOU THINK
WE ARE?

HUH?



DO NOT
WASTE YOUR
BREATH ON
SUCH LIES.

WE
CAN SEE
THROUGH
YOUR
WORDS TO
THE TRUTH
IN YOUR
HEART.

WHY
DIDN'T
I NOTICE
BEFORE?

"SPECIAL,"
BUT NOT IN
A ROMANTIC
WAY...

AND NOW
THAT I THINK
ABOUT IT,
THEY EVEN
LOOK ALIKE.

THERE
WILL BE A
TIME WHEN
YOUR ROLE
IS DECIDED,
WHETHER
YOU WISH
FOR IT OR
NOT...

...DIDN'T
EXPECT TWO
OVERLORDS
FIGHTING FOR
TERRITORY TO
BE SIBLINGS.

NOT THAT BEING
LOVERS MADE
MUCH MORE
SENSE.

I
JUST...

THAT
IS WHAT
HAPPENED
TO US.

...THAT
WOULD
BE ME.

ALTHOUGH
I GUESS
YOU MENTIONED
BEFORE THAT
YOU HAVE
A YOUNGER
BROTHER,
VIVALDI.



OLDER
SISTER...?

VIVALDI?



HO
HO.

YES.

WE
REGRET
TO SAY WE
SHARE
BLOOD
WITH THIS
HUMILIATING
MAN.



YES!
THAT
IS...

...VERY
MUCH.

DOES
THIS
SURPRISE
YOU?



UM...YOU
AREN'T GOING
TO KILL ME
NOW THAT I
KNOW YOUR
SECRET, ARE
YOU?

SAYA
COILED

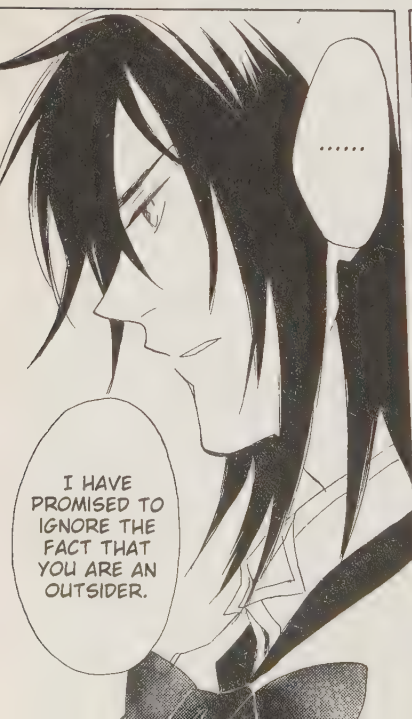


BUT
WE NEVER
EXPECTED
BLOOD TO LET
YOU COME
HERE.

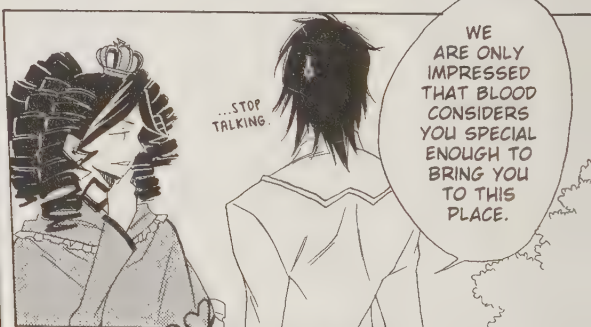


WE
WILL DO
NO SUCH
THING.

HO-HO!
HOW
QUAINT.



I HAVE
PROMISED TO
IGNORE THE
FACT THAT
YOU ARE AN
OUTSIDER.



...STOP
TALKING.

WE
ARE ONLY
IMPRESSED
THAT BLOOD
CONSIDERS
YOU SPECIAL
ENOUGH TO
BRING YOU
TO THIS
PLACE.



OH.
THAT'S
PROBABLY
JUST
BECAUSE
...

...I'M AN
OUTSIDER.

SO
WE HAVE
INSTEAD
KILLED EVERY
PERSON
WHO KNEW
THAT WE ARE
SIBLINGS...

...ASIDE
FROM OUR
OTHER
FAMILY
MEMBERS.

WHAT
...?

WE
RECEIVED
POSITIONS
WHERE WE
ARE EXPECTED
TO KILL EACH
OTHER.

AFTER
VIVALDI WAS
MADE THE
QUEEN, I
WAS GIVEN
THE ROLE OF
THE HATTER.

IF THE
WRONG
PERSON
FOUND OUT,
IT COULD
BECOME A
LIABILITY.

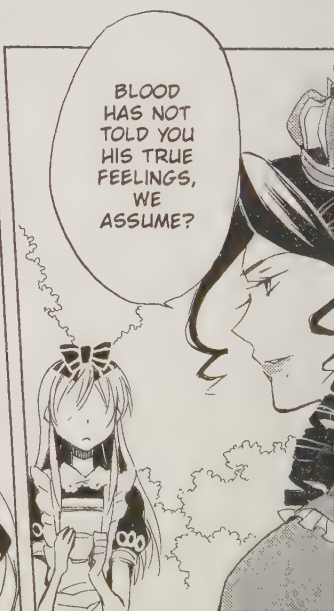
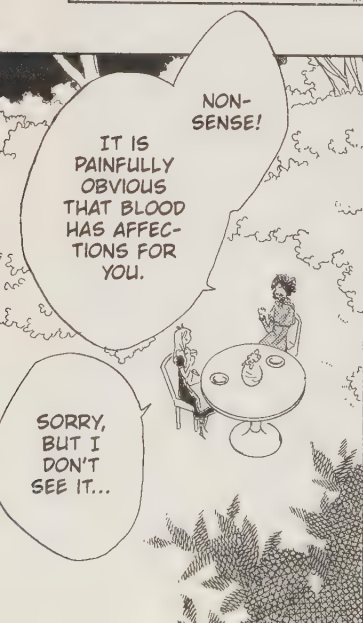
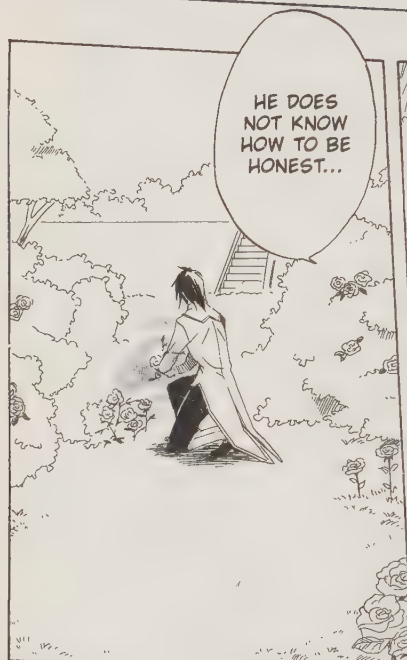
WE
DON'T
LIKE TO
TAKE
CHANCES.

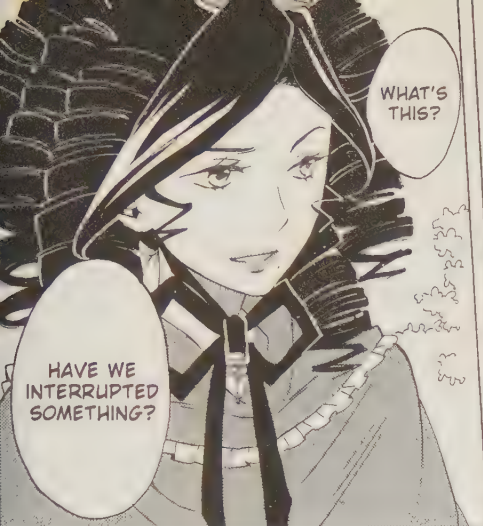
BECAUSE
THE FACT
THAT WE ARE
SIBLINGS IS
UNRELATED
TO OUR
DUTIES.

WHY!?

I GET IT
NOW...

THAT IS
WHY THE ONLY
PLACE WE MEET
AS SIBLINGS
IS IN THIS
PROTECTED ROSE
GARDEN, WHERE
EVERYONE ELSE
IS FORBIDDEN
ENTRY.





WHAT'S THIS?

HAVE WE INTERRUPTED SOMETHING?



OH...

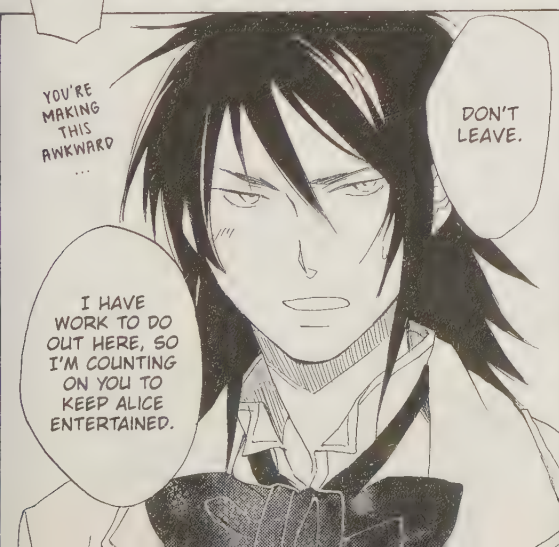


WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN!?

WAIT!

VI-
VALDI!?

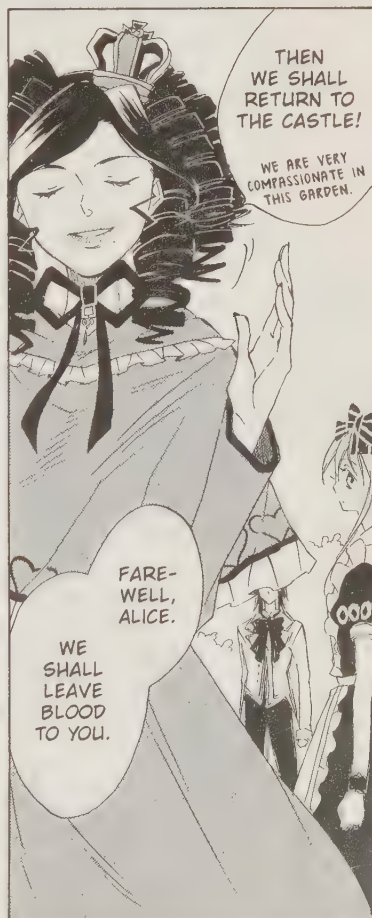
SISTER!



YOU'RE MAKING THIS AWKWARD ...

DON'T LEAVE.

I HAVE WORK TO DO OUT HERE, SO I'M COUNTING ON YOU TO KEEP ALICE ENTERTAINED.

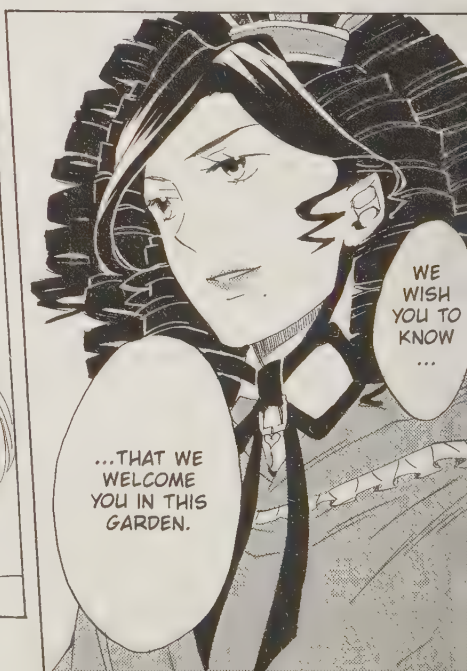
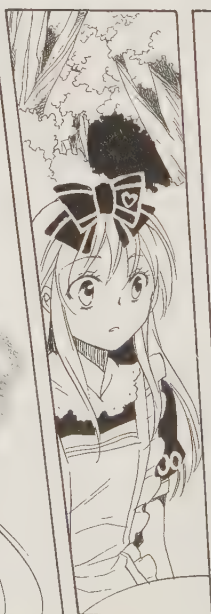
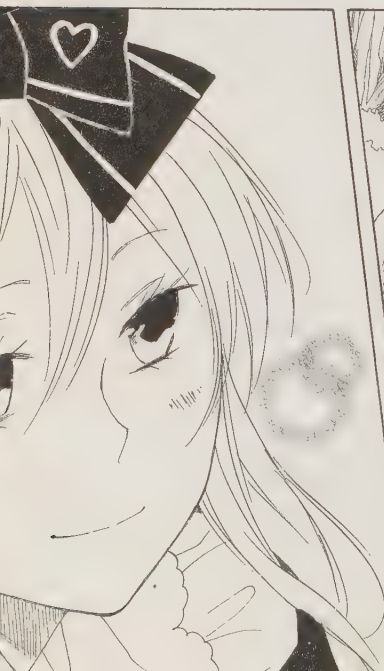
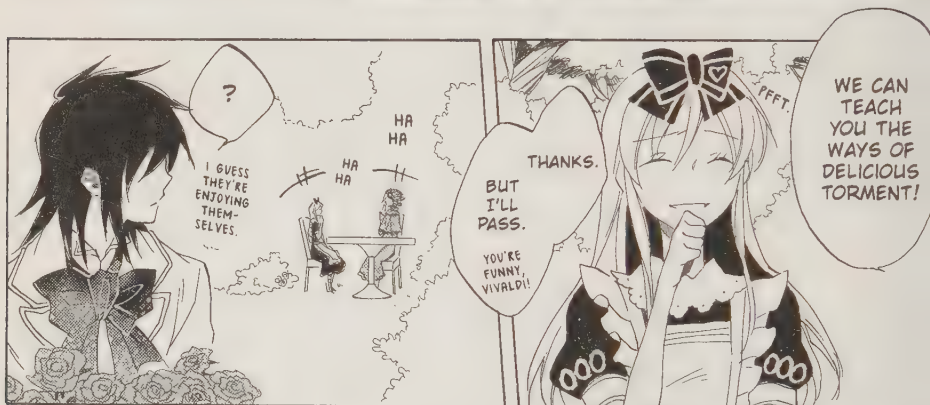
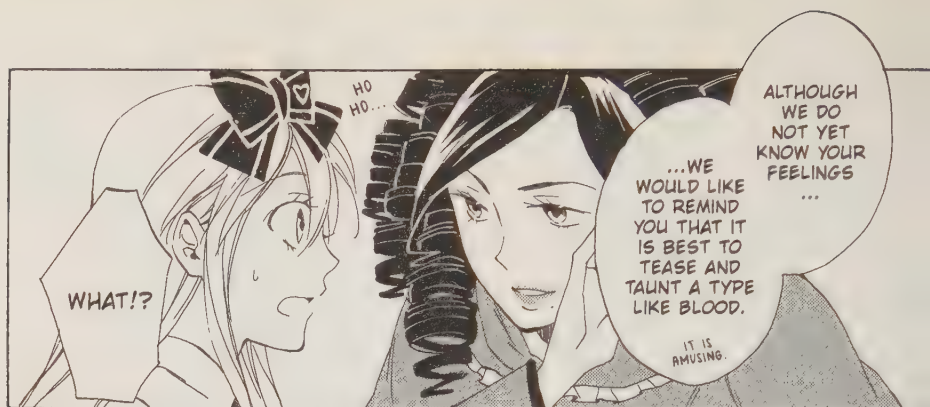


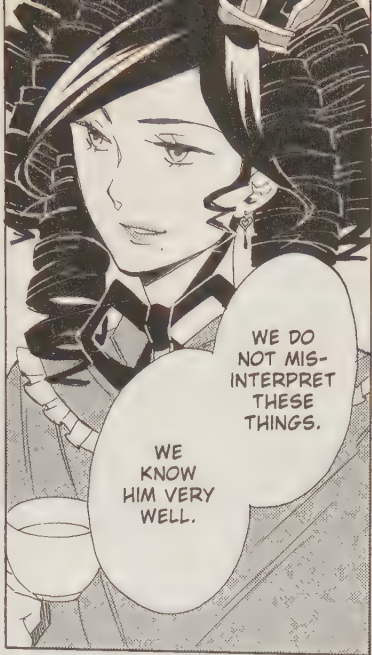
THEN WE SHALL RETURN TO THE CASTLE!

WE ARE VERY COMPASSIONATE IN THIS GARDEN.

FARE-
WELL,
ALICE.

WE SHALL LEAVE BLOOD TO YOU.





AS WE
ALREADY
SAID...

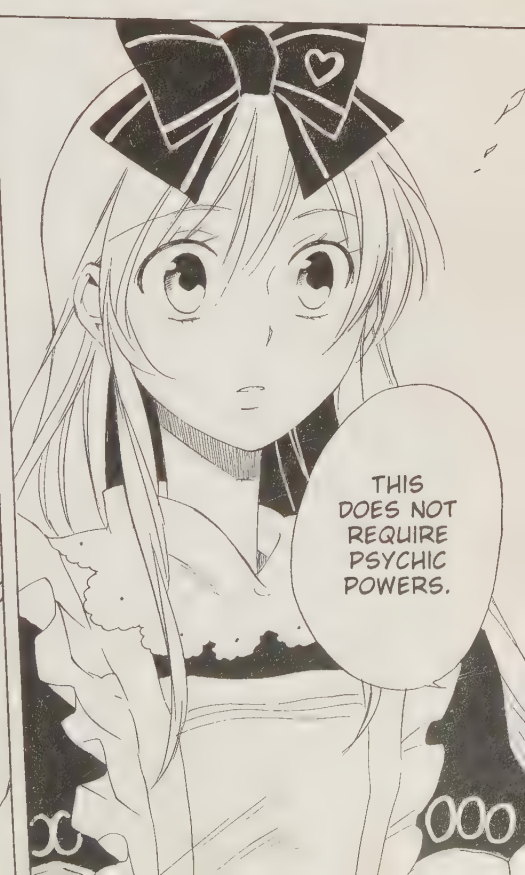
...BLOOD HAS
BROUGHT YOU
TO THIS GARDEN.
HE PERSONALLY
TENDS TO THESE
BLOOMS AND
ONLY ALLOWS
US TO COME
NEAR THEM.

WE DO
NOT MIS-
INTERPRET
THESE
THINGS.

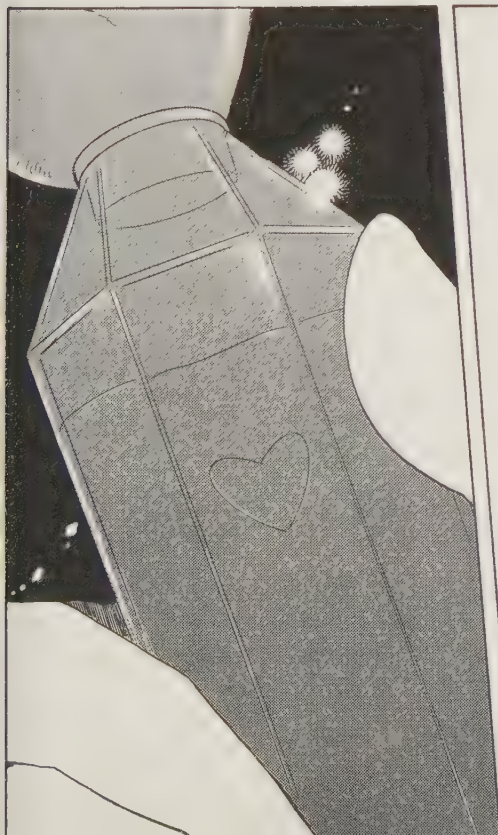
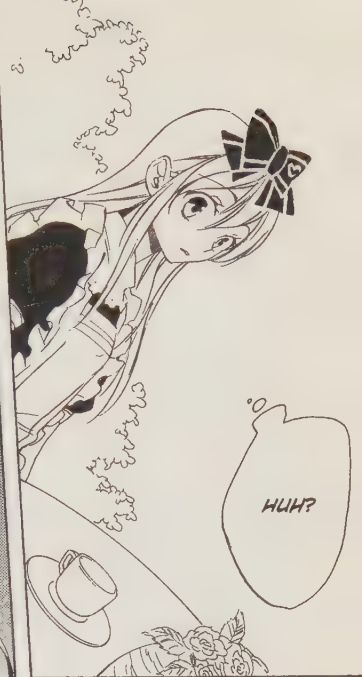
WE
KNOW
HIM VERY
WELL.



BLOOD
HAS
FEELINGS
FOR
ME ?



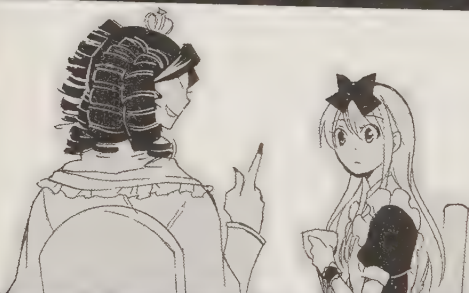
THIS
DOES NOT
REQUIRE
PSYCHIC
POWERS.



IT IS
PAINFULLY
OBVIOUS THAT
BLOOD HAS
AFFECTIONS
FOR YOU.



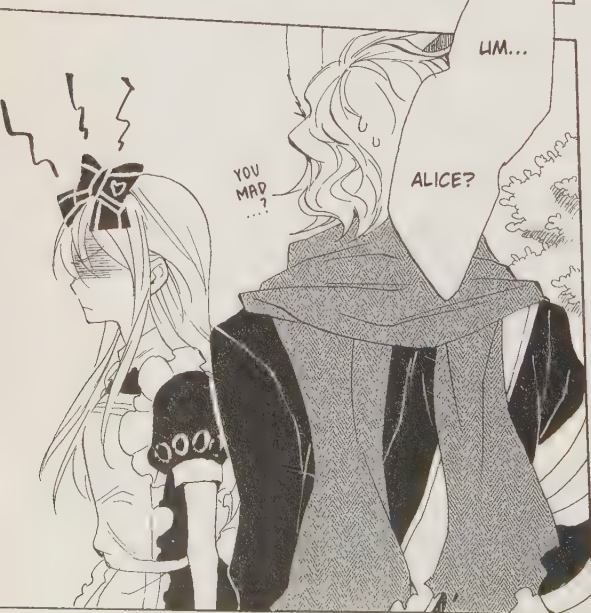
WE DO NOT
MISINTERPRET
THESE THINGS.



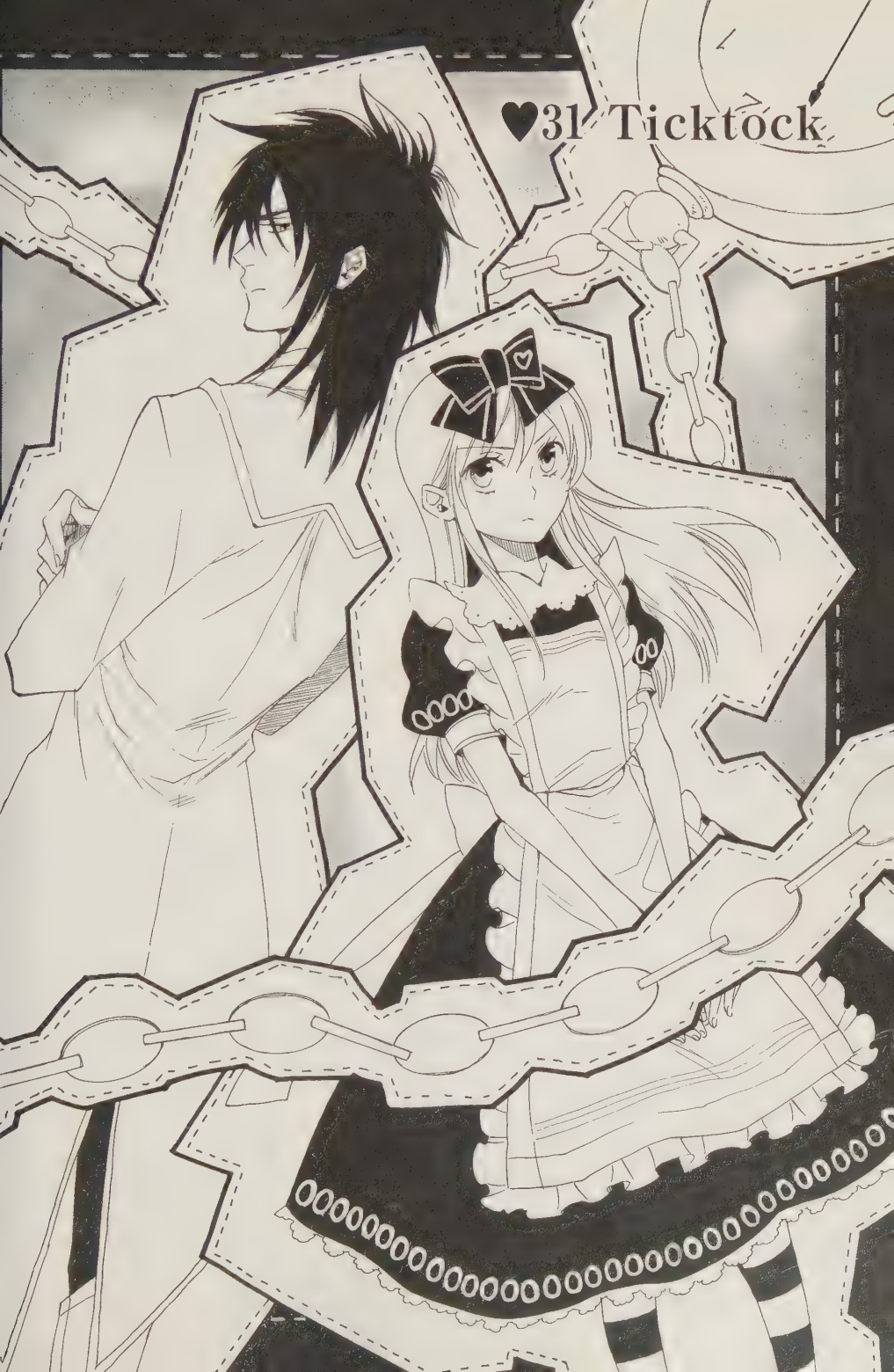
!
BLOOD
HAS—

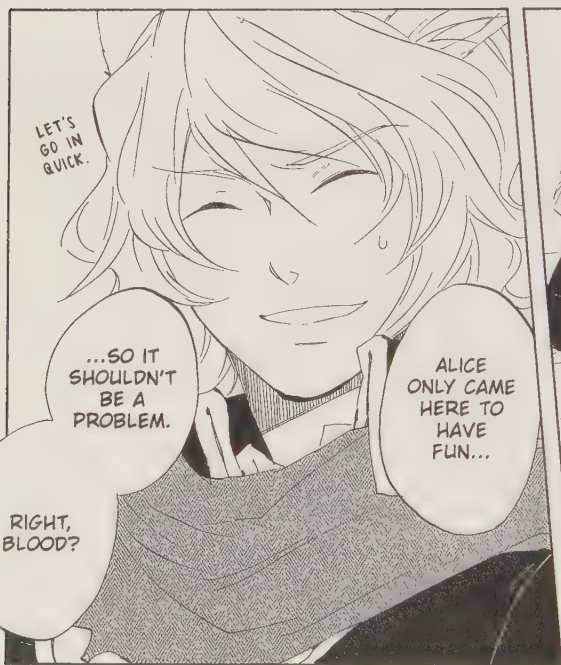
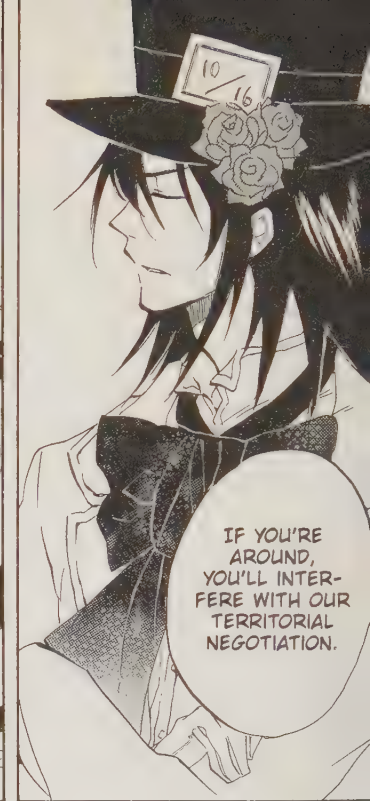
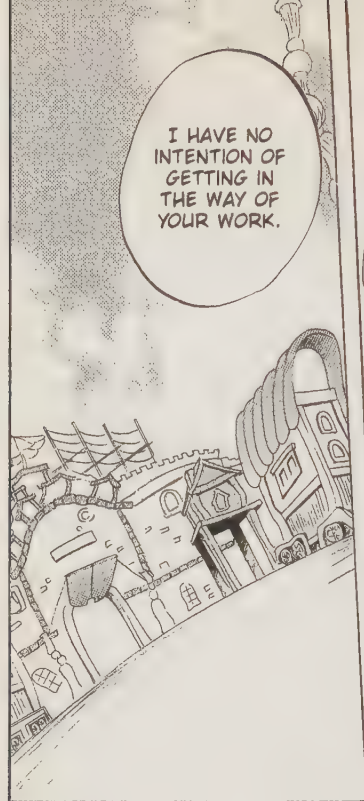


ALICE IN THE
COUNTRY OF HEARTS



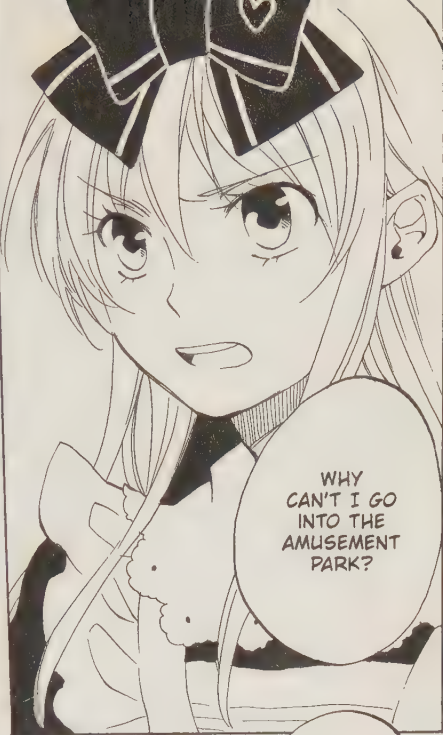
♥ 31 Ticktock







WHY
DO YOU
NEED TO GO
INTO THE
AMUSEMENT
PARK?



WHY
CAN'T I GO
INTO THE
AMUSEMENT
PARK?



IF YOU
HAVE NO
NEED TO
GO, YOU
DON'T HAVE
TO GO.

I'M
TELLING
YOU, JUST
RETURN
TO THE
TOWER.

IT'S
NOT THAT
I NEED
TO!

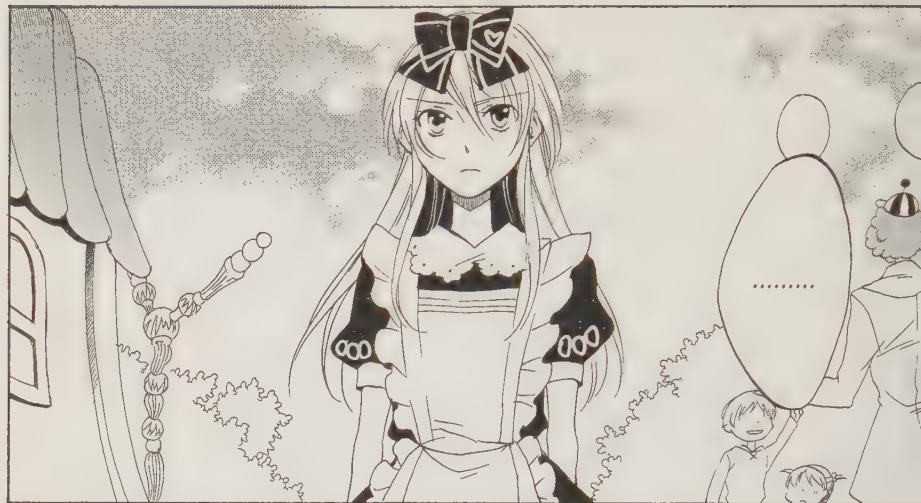
I'M JUST
HERE TO
HAVE FUN.



YOU
HAVE NO
RIGHT TO
ORDER
ME AWAY!

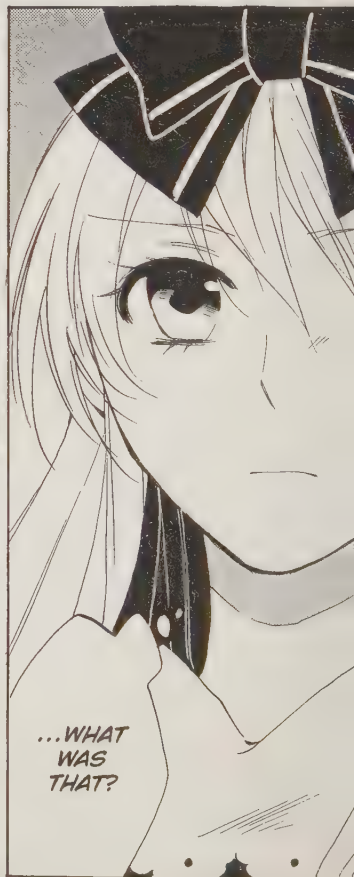
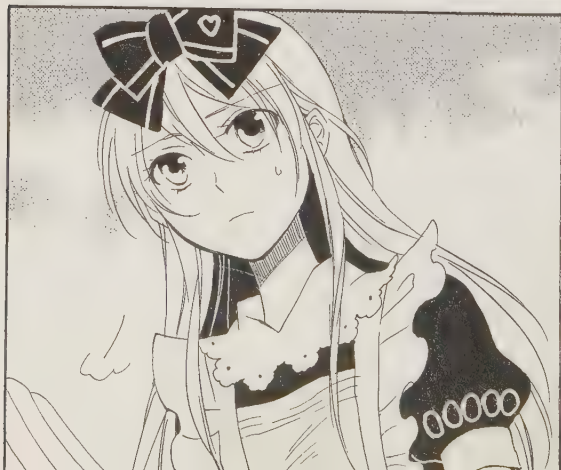
I CAME
HERE
TO
"HAVE
FUN"!

I'LL
SAY IT
AGAIN—



WE DECIDED
TO PUT ASIDE
THE FACT
THAT I'M AN
OUTSIDER
AND ACT LIKE
EQUALS...

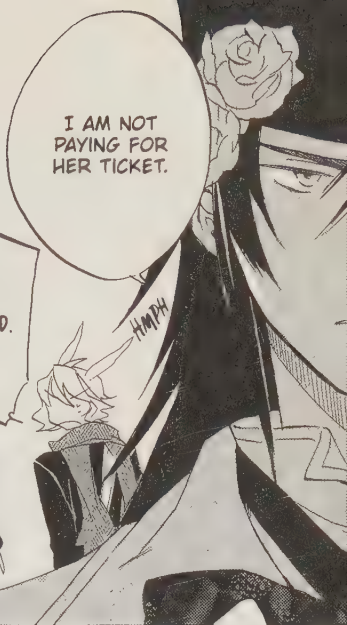
...AND THIS
IS HOW IT
GOES...



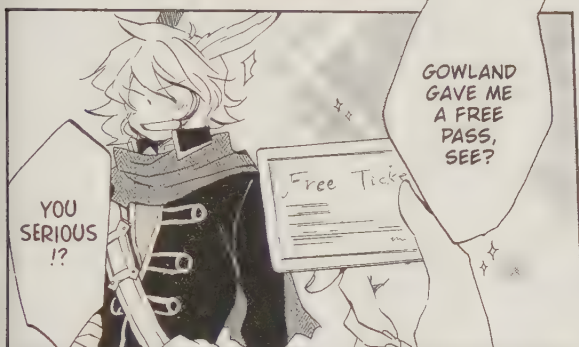
...WHAT
WAS
THAT?



AS IF
I NEED
ONE.



I AM NOT
PAYING FOR
HER TICKET.



YOU
SERIOUS
!?

GOWLAND
GAVE ME
A FREE
PASS,
SEE?



BLOOD.

COME
ON!



ELLIOT.

THAT
GOWLAND
WON'T
EVEN GIVE
ME ONE.

I'M HIS ENEMY,
SO I GUESS
IT MAKES
SENSE.

WHOA.

SO
COOL.



SEE
YOU,
ALICE!

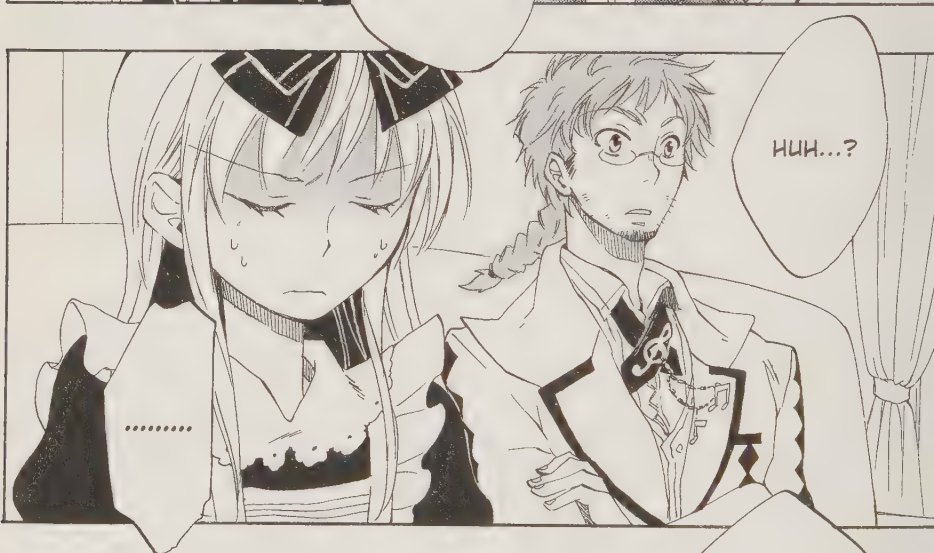
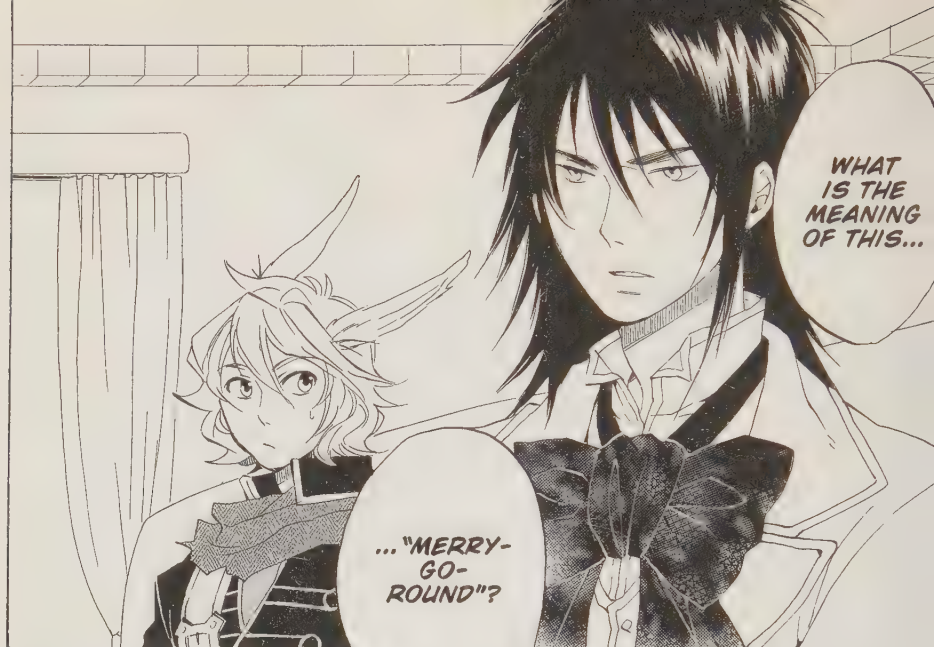


AH...

...COMING!



I'LL
LEAVE
YOU
BEHIND!

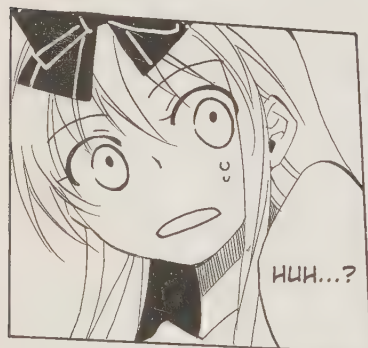
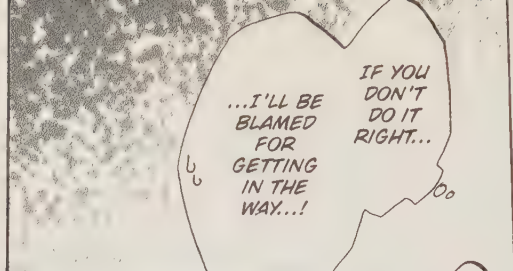


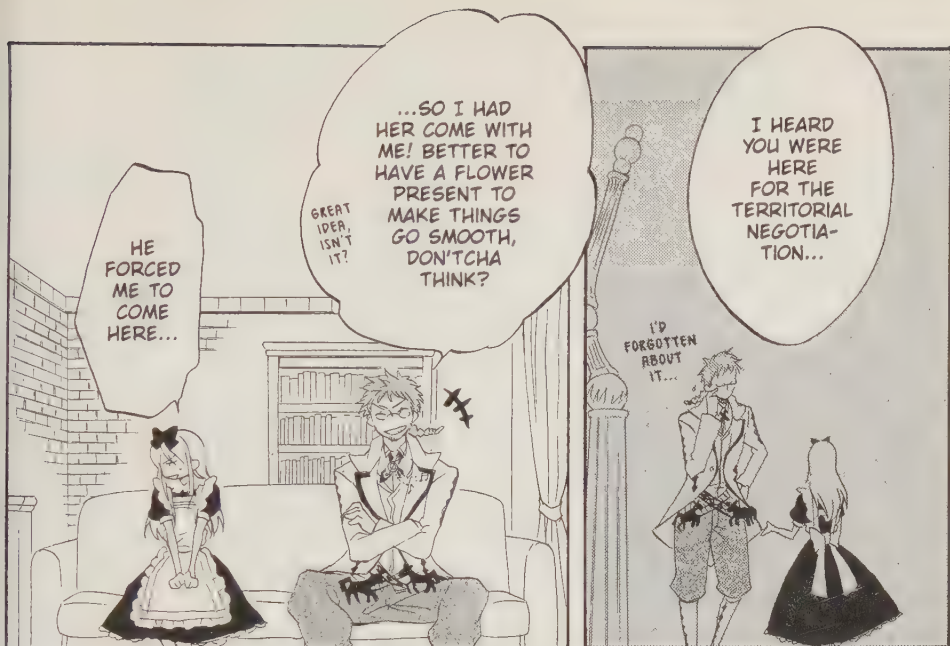
...I THINK
SHE
MUST BE
WRONG...

IT IS
PAINFULLY
OBVIOUS THAT
BLOOD HAS
AFFECTIONS
FOR YOU.

THAT'S
WHAT
VIVALDI
SAID, BUT...

—SO.







NOW
COME
WITH
ME.



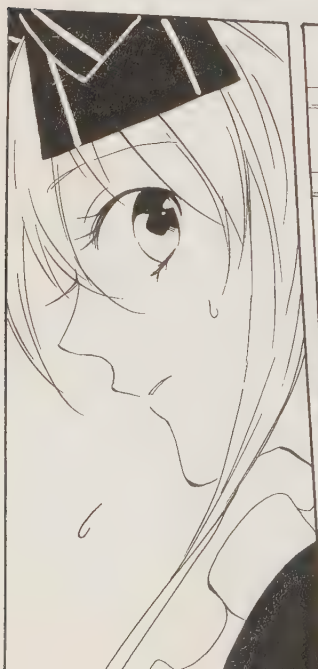
THIS
IS WHAT
ALWAYS
HAPPENS.

NO
PROB-
LEM.



YOU'VE
GOT A
DATE WITH
ME, ALICE.

A DATE
...?





I NEED
TO HAGGLE,
BUT I'M NOT
GONNA LET
THAT HATEFUL
HATTER WIN.



IT'S
A RULE
THAT WE
HAVE TO
NEGOTIATE
...



AND
YA JUST
HAD TO
USE MY
FULL NAME
A MINUTE
AGO...

...BUT
IT'S ALSO
THE RULE
THAT YOU
LOSE THE
GAME IF
YOU HAND
OVER YOUR
TERRITORY.



IS IT
OKAY...
TO END
IT LIKE
THIS...?



GATA
CRISED
11
7M

AND
SO, NO
DEAL!

キ
(GLARE)

EVERY-
ONE'S MY
FRIEND...

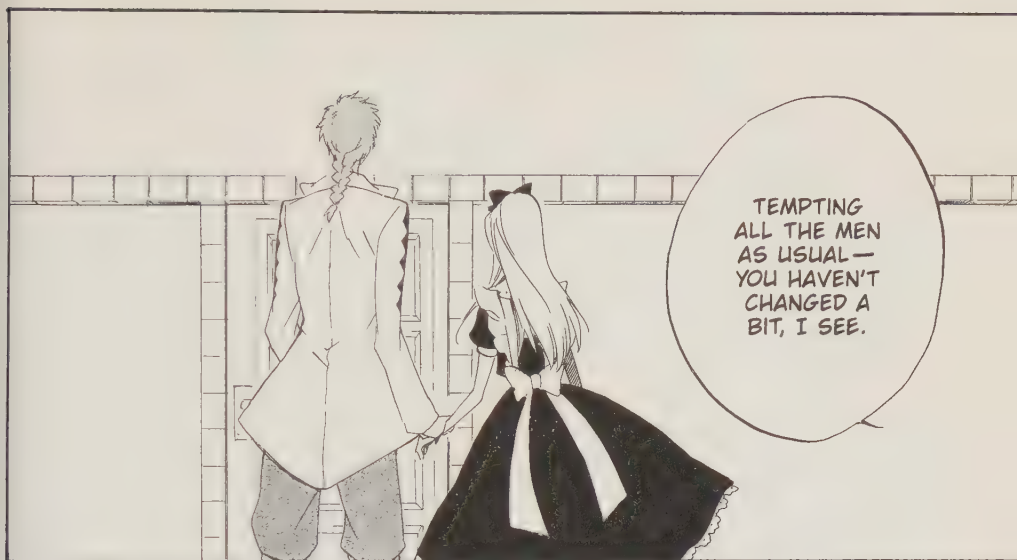
...HOW
MANY
TIMES
DO I
HAVE
TO TELL
YOU...

...AND
THAT'S
HOW I'M
TREATING
THEM!

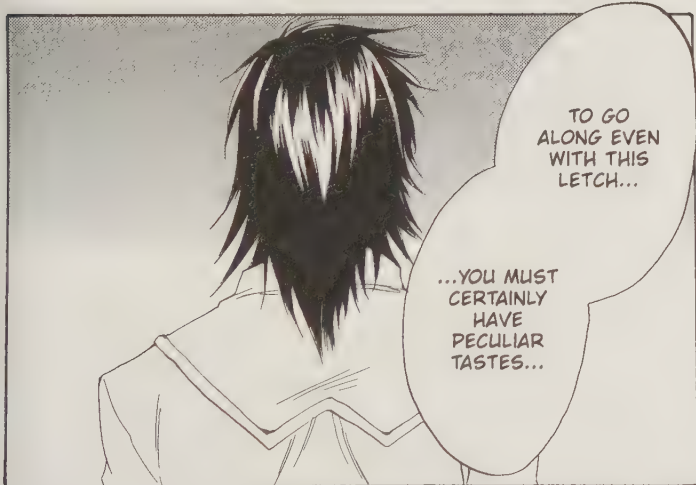
...THAT'S
NOT WHAT
I'M DOING!

IF I MAY
EMPHASIZE
IT...

...IT MEANS
I GET
ALONG WITH
EVERYONE—
EXCEPT
YOU!



TEMPTING
ALL THE MEN
AS USUAL—
YOU HAVEN'T
CHANGED A
BIT, I SEE.

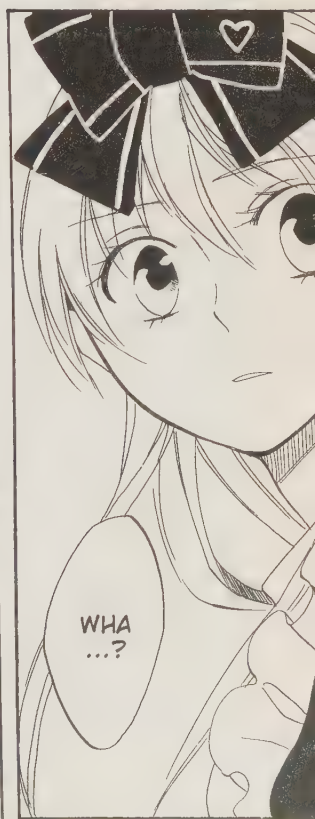


TO GO
ALONG EVEN
WITH THIS
LETCH...

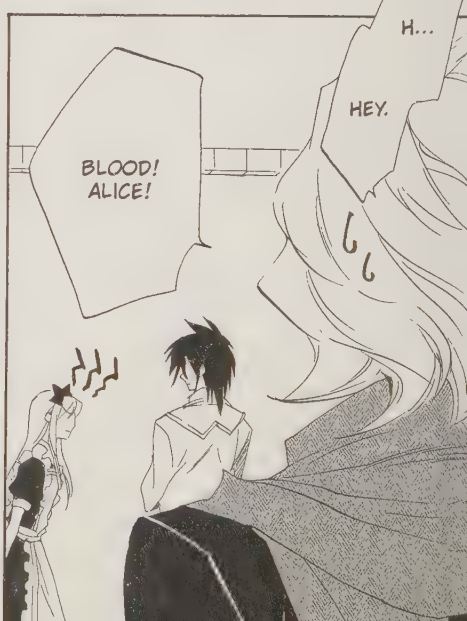
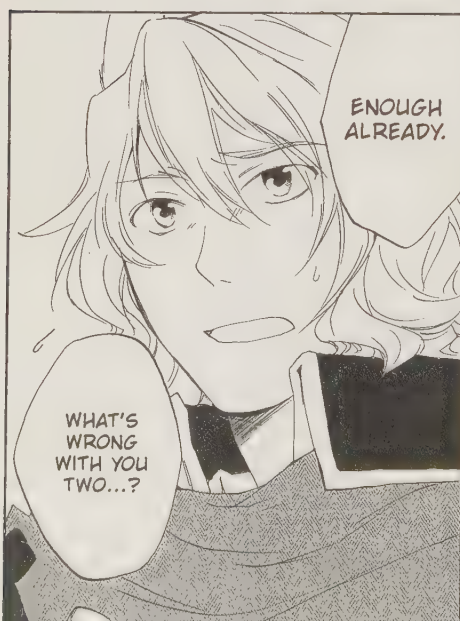
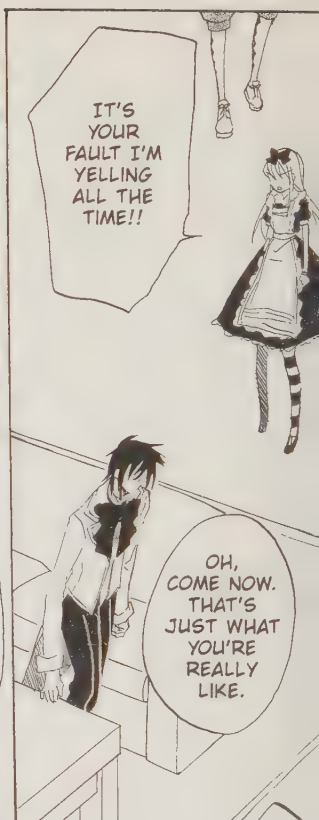
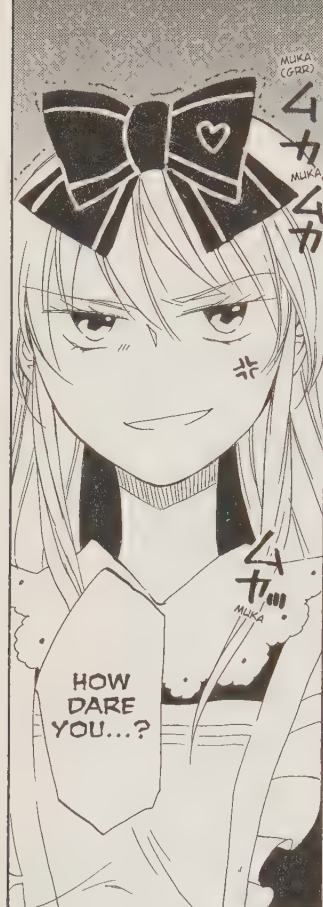
...YOU MUST
CERTAINLY
HAVE
PECULIAR
TASTES...



LETCH?



WHA
...?



I
THOUGHT
THINGS
WOULD BE
DIFFERENT
WHEN YOU
STOPPED
TREATING
ME AS AN
OUTSIDER

...BUT YOU
STILL DON'T
LIKE ME
FOR SOME
REASON, DO
YOU?

WHY
ARE YOU
LASHING
OUT AT ME
AGAIN?



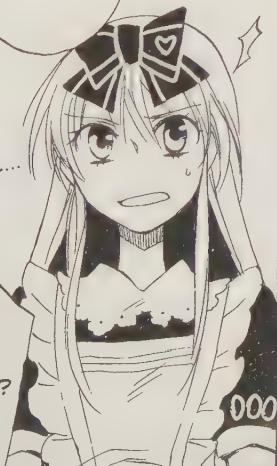
THE TWO
THINGS I
DESPISE
MOST ARE
ANYTHING
THAT
CAUSES ME
TROUBLE...

...AND
HYSTERICAL
WOMEN LIKE
YOU.

HYSTERICAL...

WHA...?

OOO



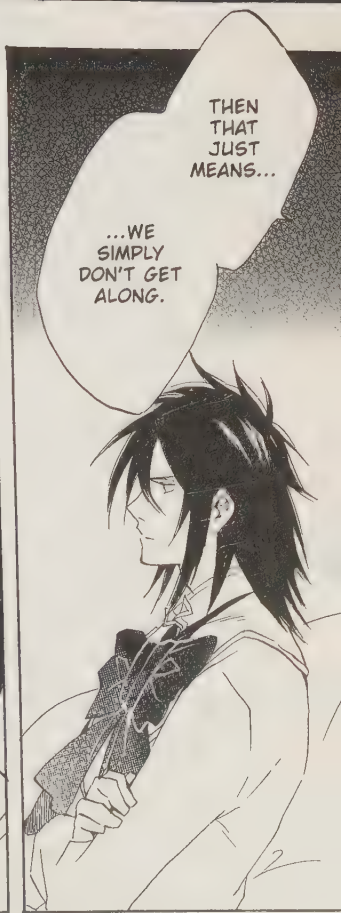
HMM.

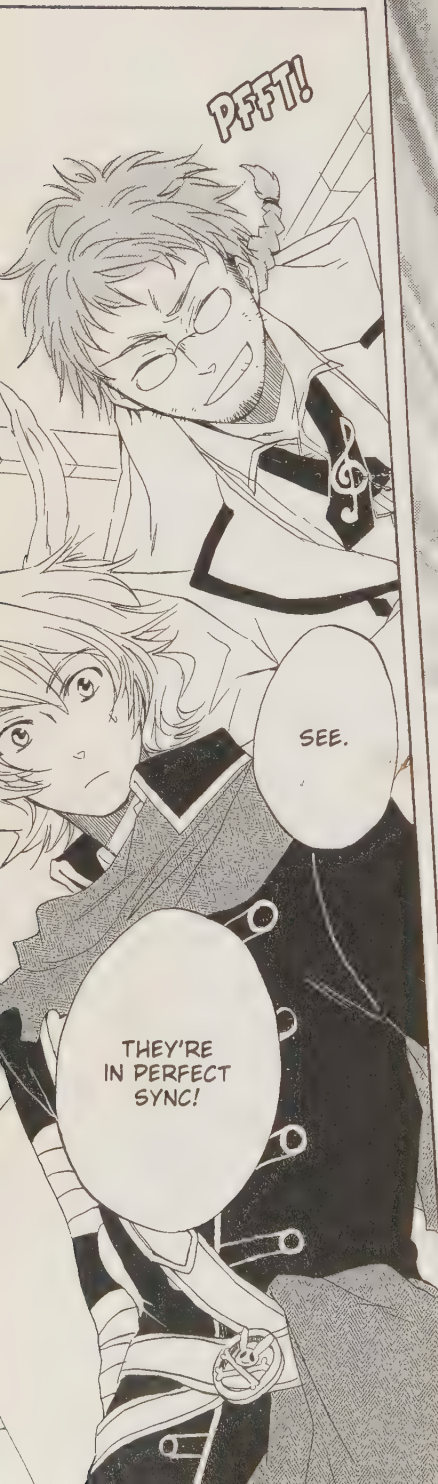
YOU MAY
BE RIGHT.



THEN
THAT
JUST
MEANS...

...WE
SIMPLY
DON'T GET
ALONG.





PFFT!

SEE.

THEY'RE
IN PERFECT
SYNC!



...ACTUALLY
GET ALONG
JUST FINE.

HUH!?

WHAT ON
EARTH
ARE YOU
SAYING...?

SHUT
UP!

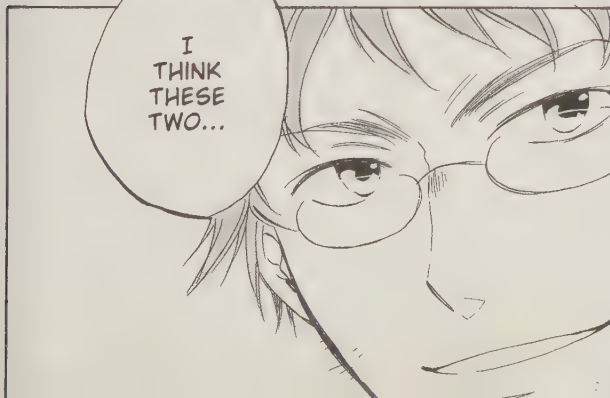
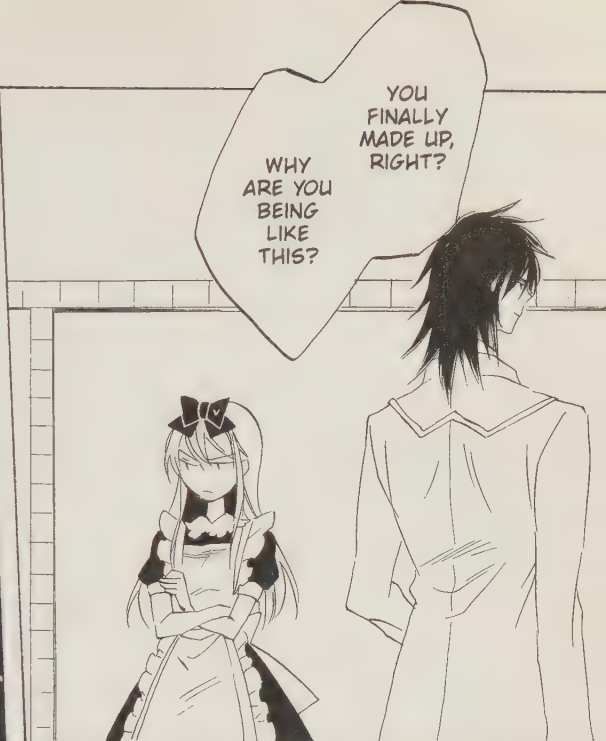
DON'T
SAY
THAT!

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HARA (WORRIED)

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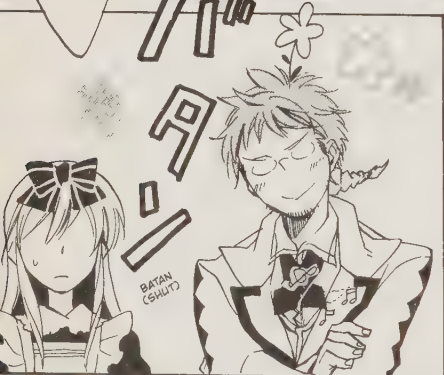




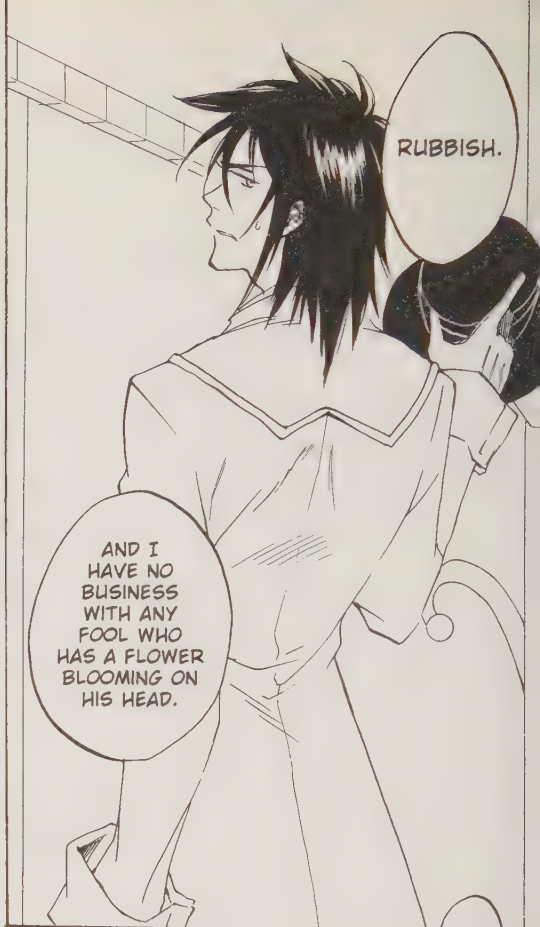
WE'RE
LEAVING,
ELLIOT!

S...

SURE.

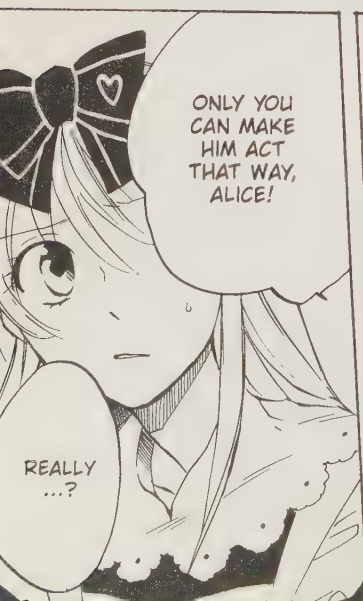


BATAN
(SHUT)



RUBBISH.

AND I
HAVE NO
BUSINESS
WITH ANY
FOOL WHO
HAS A FLOWER
BLOOMING ON
HIS HEAD.



ONLY YOU
CAN MAKE
HIM ACT
THAT WAY,
ALICE!

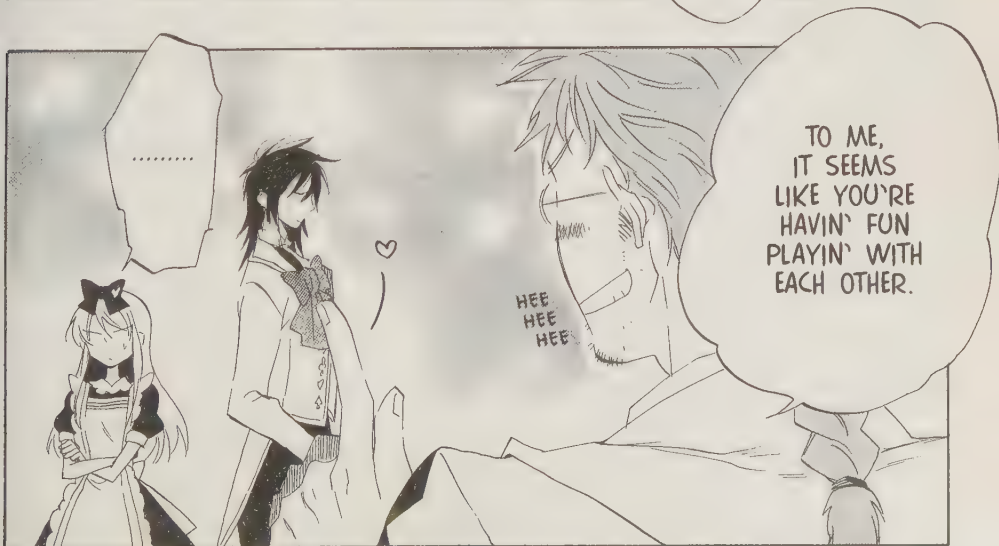
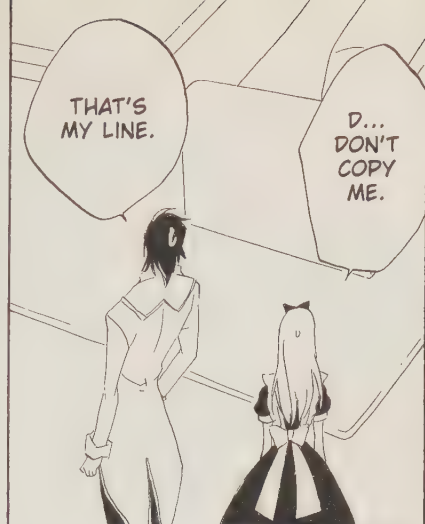
REALLY
...?



NEVER
THOUGHT
I'D SEE THE
HATTER GET
SO WORKED
UP.

WELL.

THAT
WAS FUN.





SOLDIERS
OF THE
CASTLE...
AND MAIDS
TOO?

ALL
CLEANED
UP.

DID
THAT
WHITE
RABBIT
ORDER
THEM...?

THEY
MUST BE
GETTING
SERIOUS.

TO HAVE
SENT SO
MANY AFTER
US...

LIKING
SOMEONE,
BECOMING
FRIENDS
WITH
SOMEONE
...

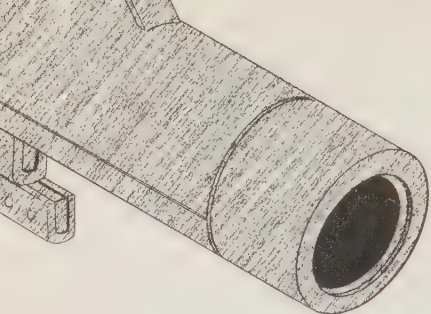
...IS
USELESS
AT THIS
POINT.

I DON'T...
UNDER-
STAND
ANYMORE.

FLU
(FWIP)

'COS
I'LL
SOON
BE

PHEW.



YOU CAN
TELL ME—
I'M ALL FOR
YOU AND ALICE
BECOMING...

SHAKIN
OKA-CHAKO

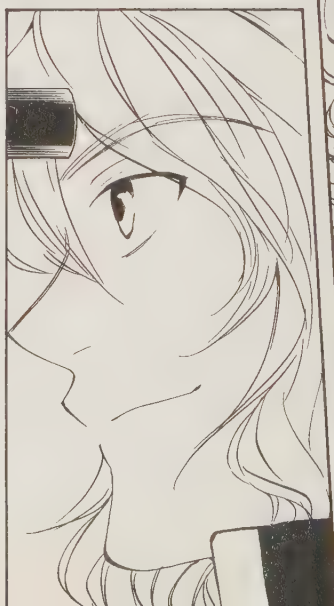
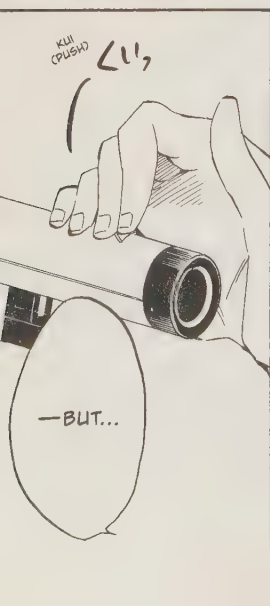
...
FRIENDS
...

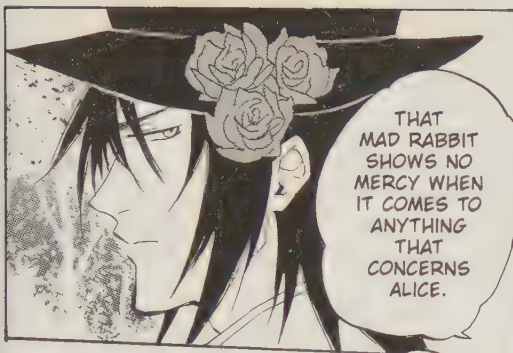
SHUP UP
ALREADY.



KUI
(CRUSH)

—BUT...





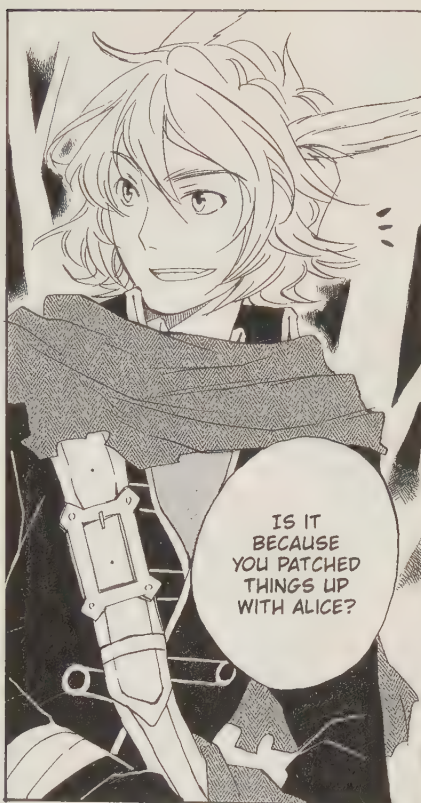
THAT
MAD RABBIT
SHOWS NO
MERCY WHEN
IT COMES TO
ANYTHING
THAT
CONCERNS
ALICE.



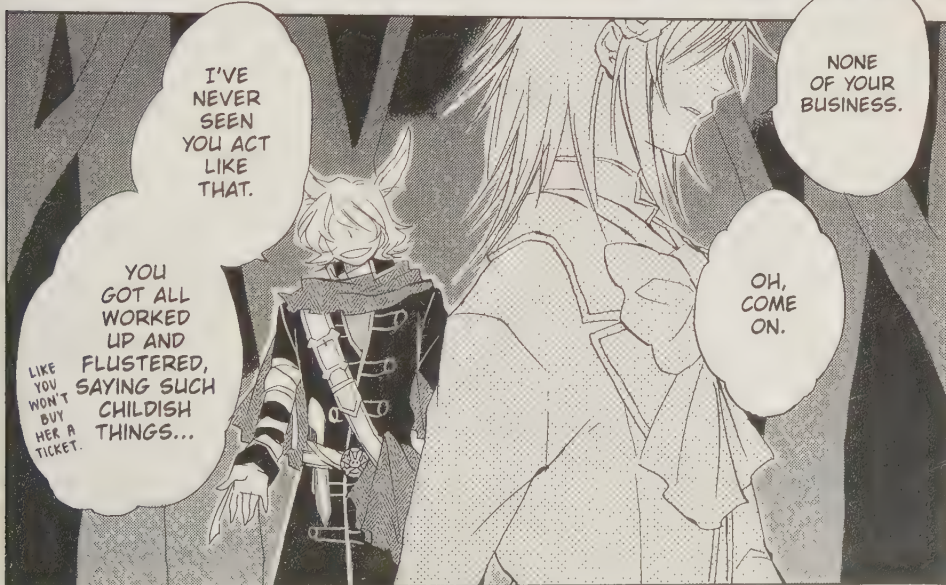
...HOW
ARE
THINGS
BETWEEN
YOU AND
ALICE?

SO,
SO...

...COME
TO THINK
OF IT...



IS IT
BECAUSE
YOU PATCHED
THINGS UP
WITH ALICE?

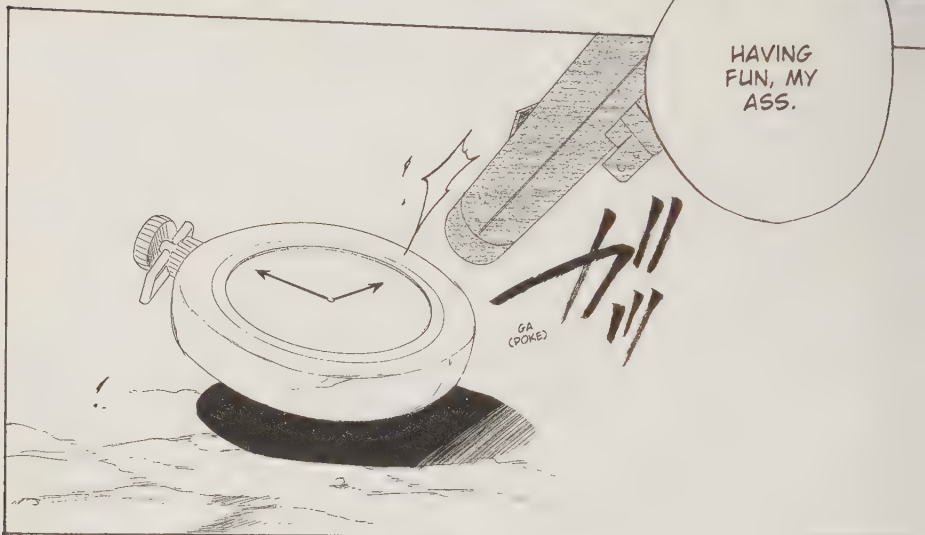
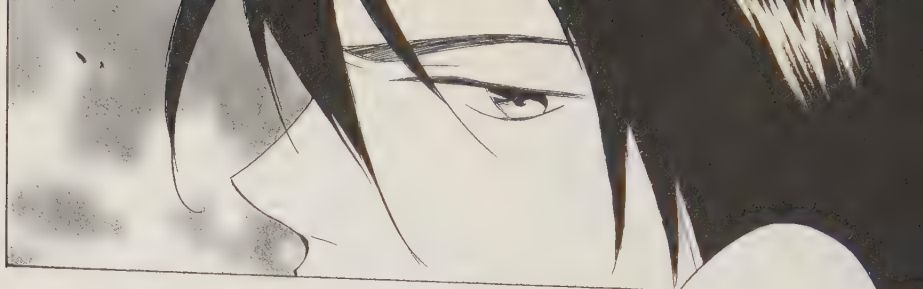


I'VE
NEVER
SEEN
YOU ACT
LIKE
THAT.

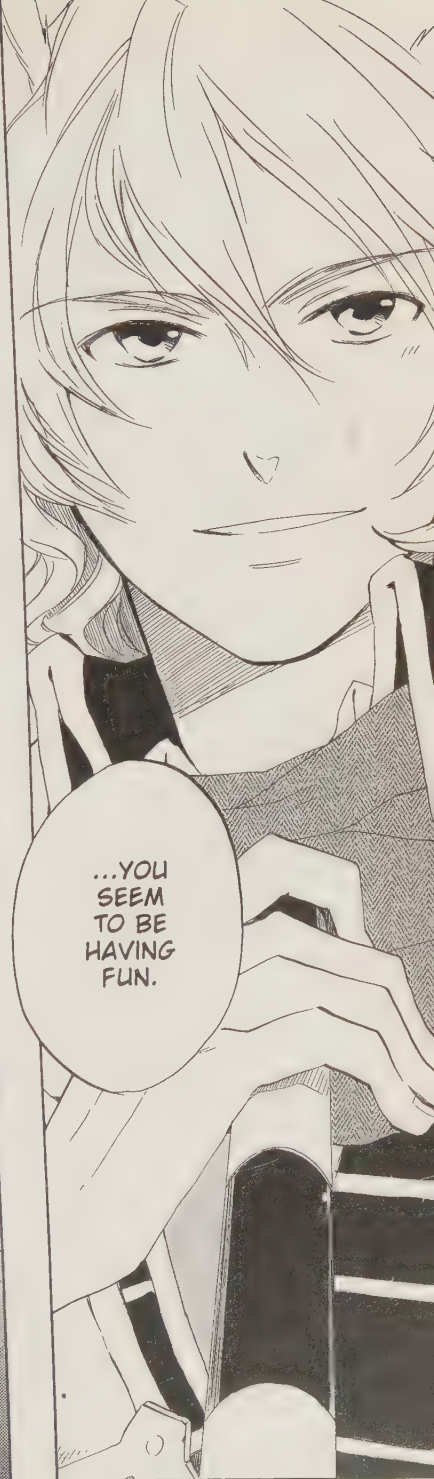
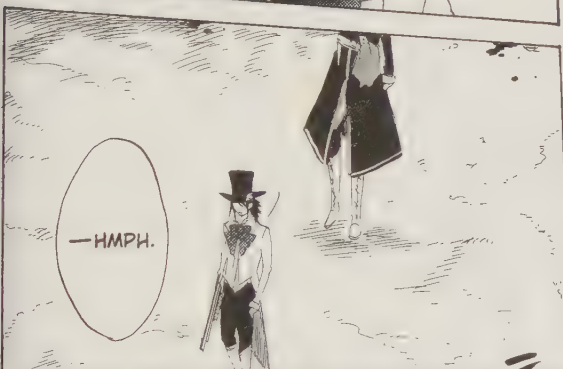
NONE
OF YOUR
BUSINESS.

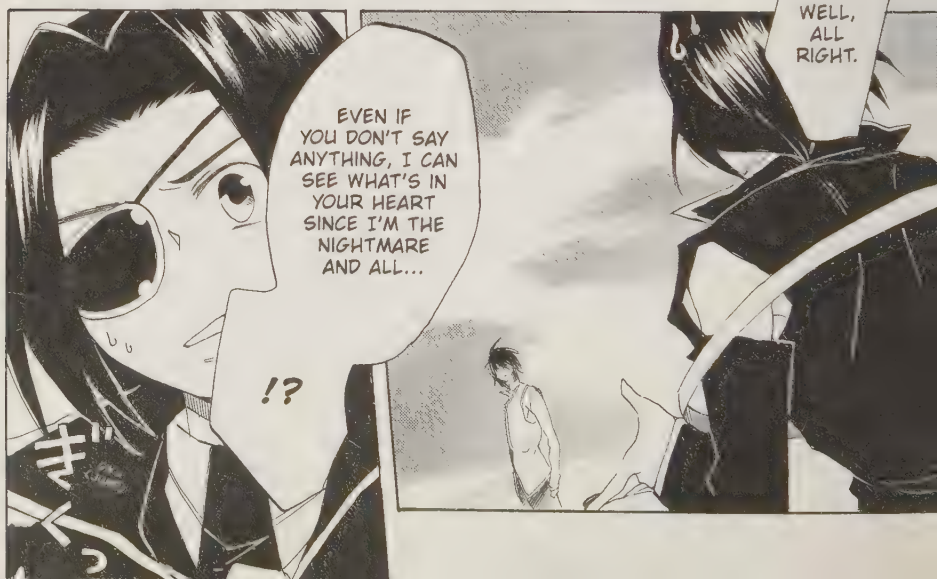
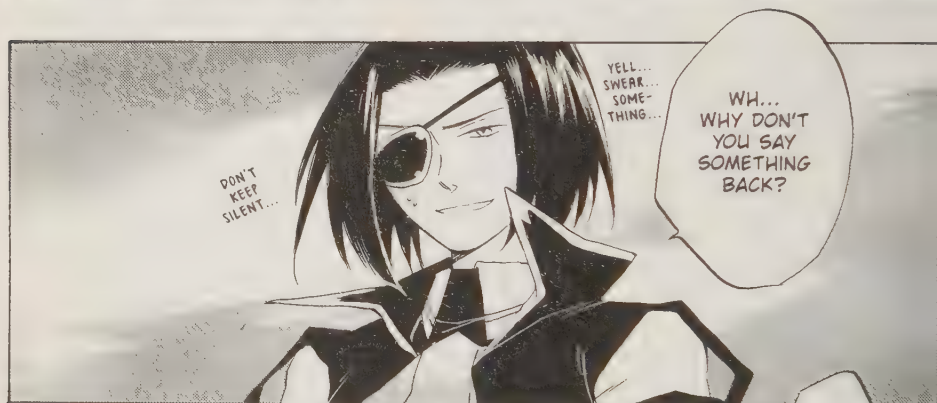
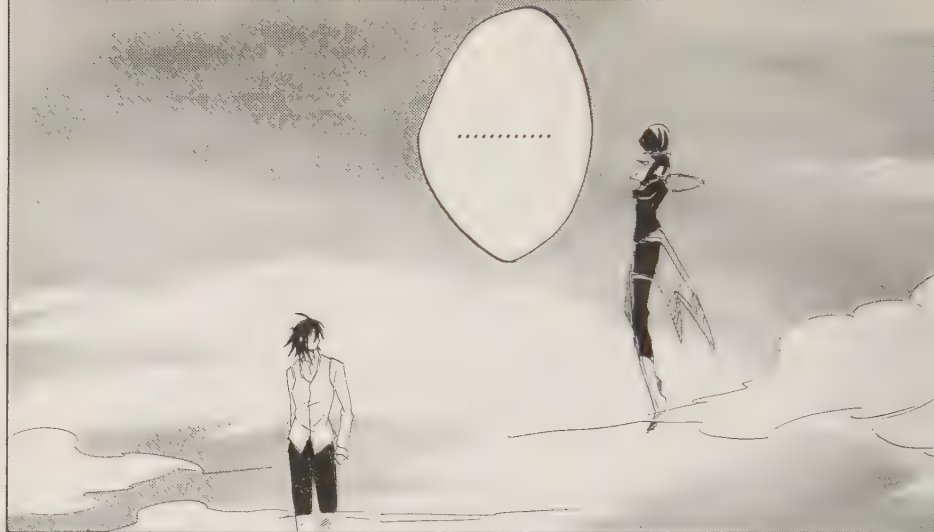
OH,
COME
ON.

YOU
GOT ALL
WORKED
UP AND
FLUSTERED,
SAYING SUCH
CHILDISH
THINGS...
LIKE
YOU
WON'T
BUY
HER A
TICKET.



HAVING
FUN, MY
ASS.

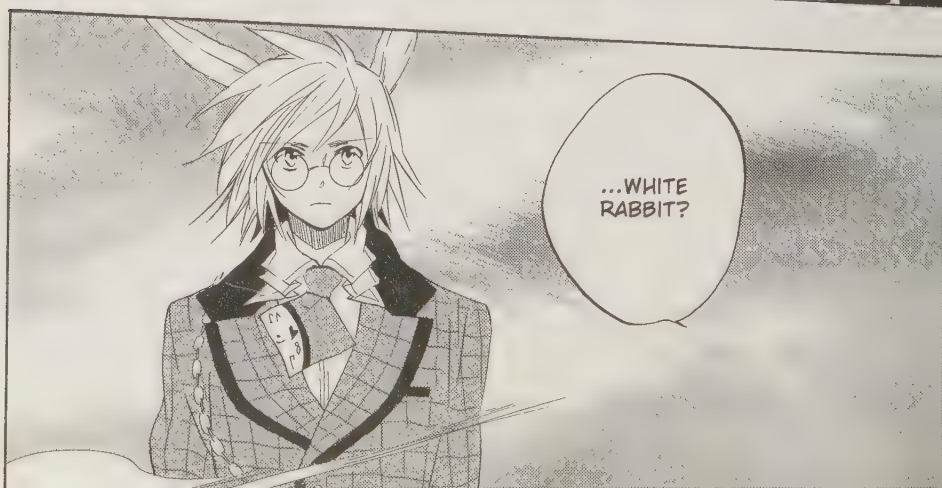
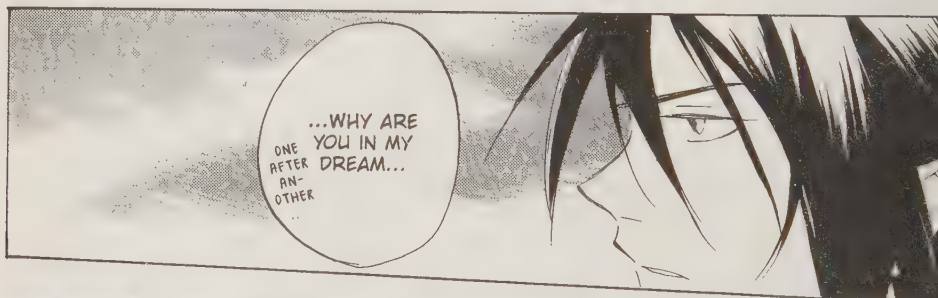






AREN'T
YOU
AWFULLY
LIVELY
TODAY...

...HATTER.

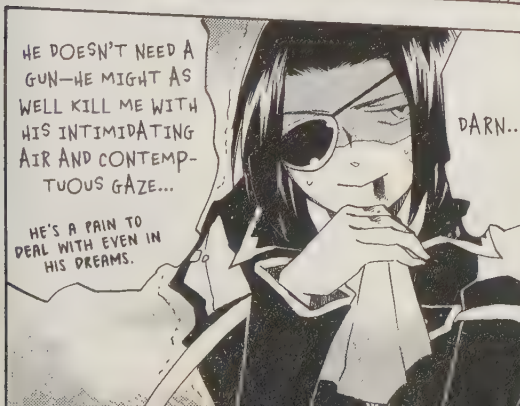
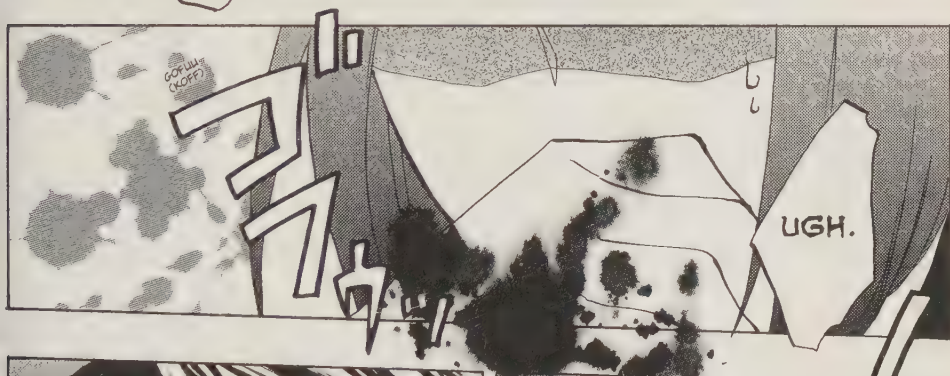


LISTEN,
THIS IS
YOUR
DREAM...

...SO
YOU
CAN'T
HURT
ME WITH
SOME-
THING
LIKE—

W...
WAIT,
CALM
DOWN.

YOU'RE
THINKING
ABOUT
KILLING
ME WITH
YOUR
GUN...

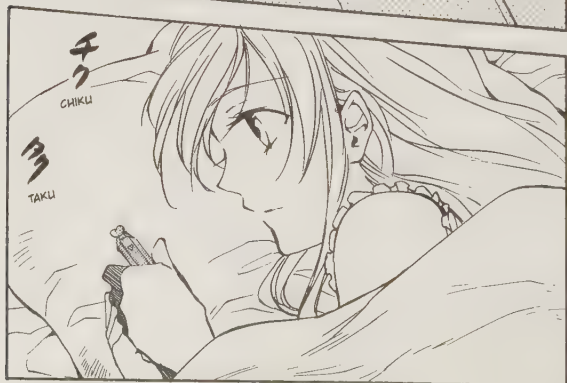
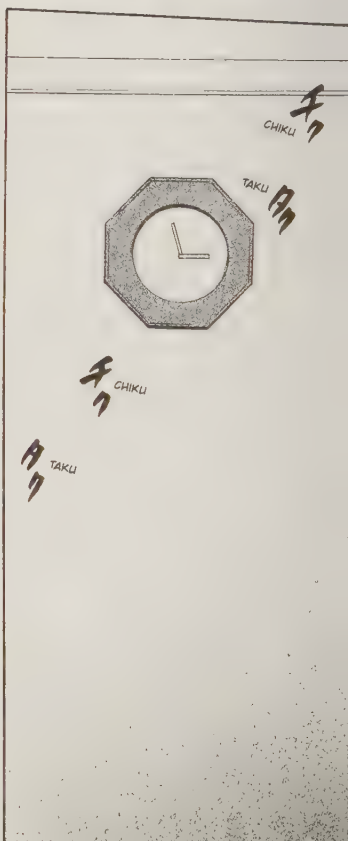
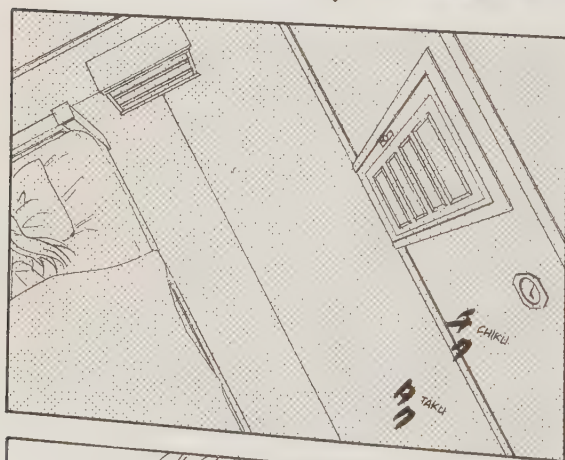
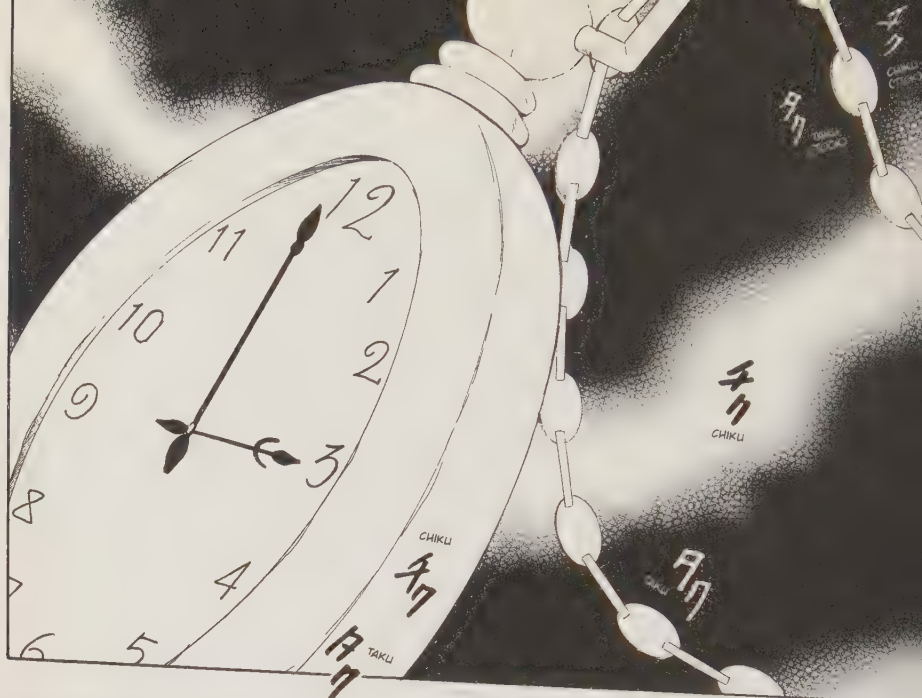


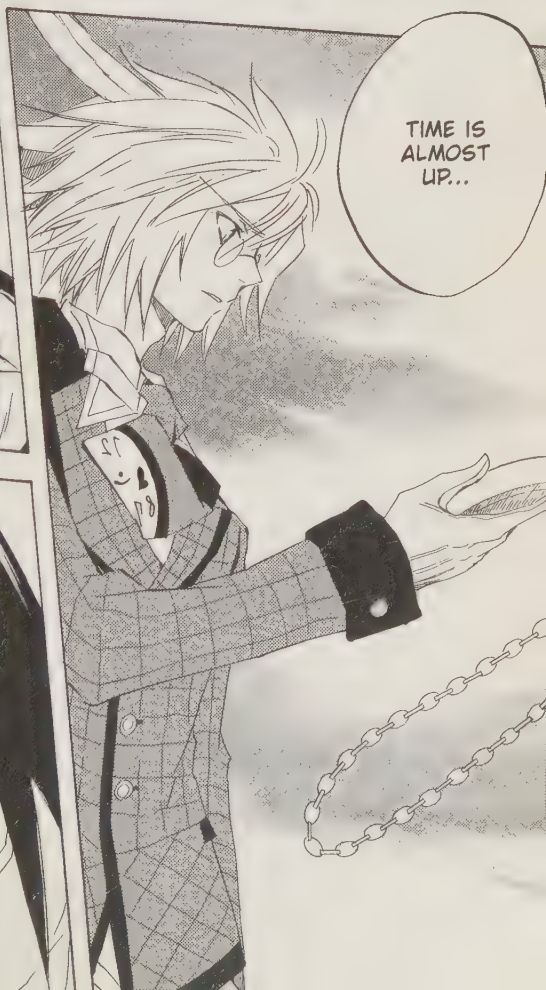
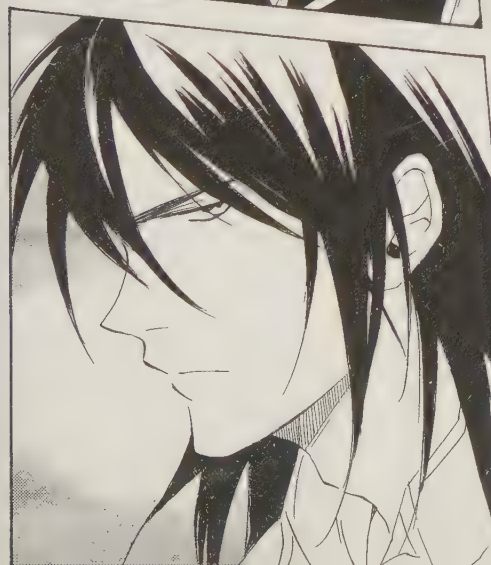
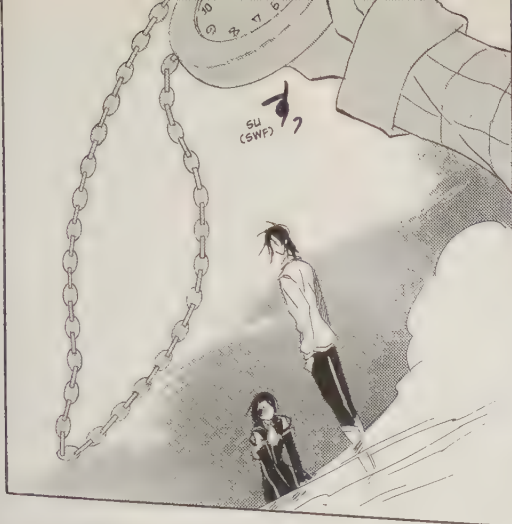
HE DOESN'T NEED A
GUN—HE MIGHT AS
WELL KILL ME WITH
HIS INTIMIDATING
AIR AND CONTEMPT-
UOUS GAZE...

DARN...

HE'S A PAIN TO
DEAL WITH EVEN IN
HIS DREAMS.









GAKIN
(CLANG)

TCH.

KLEIN
(CLANG)

BA
(FWIP)

OH?

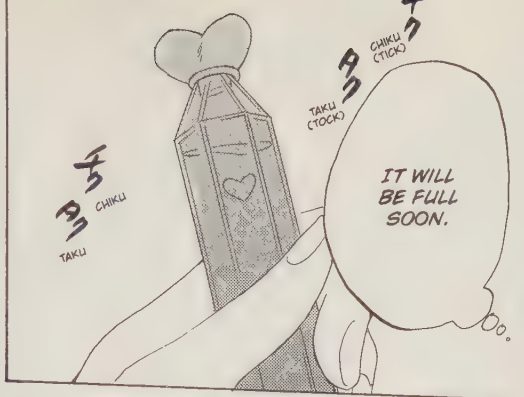
HISHI
(CRACK)

MY
SURPRISE
ATTACK
FAILED.

SISTER—



CHIKU
TAKU
チク
タク



JUST
A LITTLE
BIT
MORE.

CHIKU
GYU
(HOLD) ?

CHIKU
チク

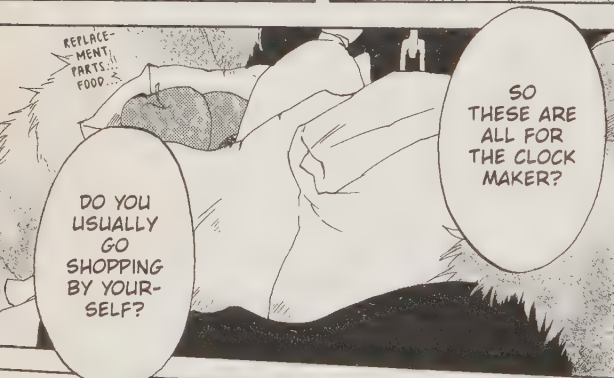
TAKU
タク



I DON'T
MIND AT
ALL.

THANKS,
BORIS...

...FOR
CARRYING
ALL THAT
STUFF...



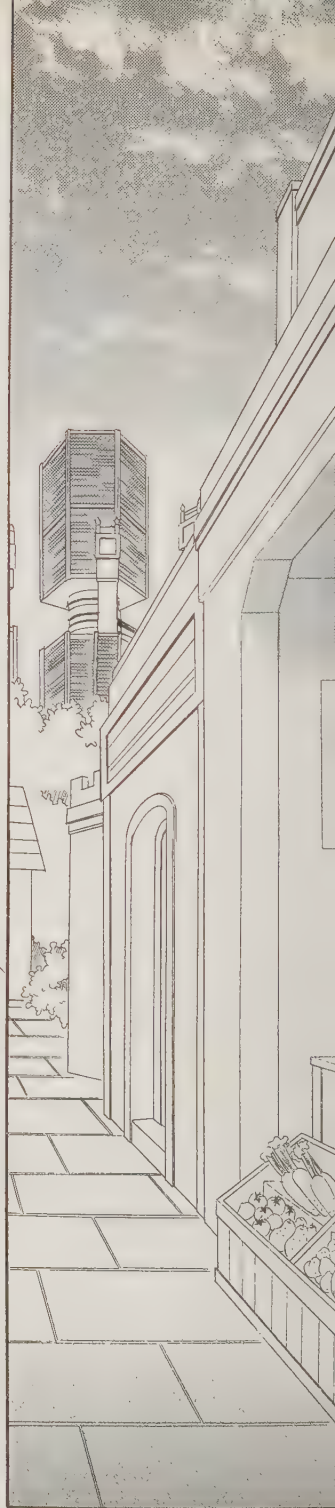
REPLACEMENT
PARTS
FOOD.

DO YOU
USUALLY
GO
SHOPPING
BY YOUR-
SELF?

SO
THESE ARE
ALL FOR
THE CLOCK
MAKER?

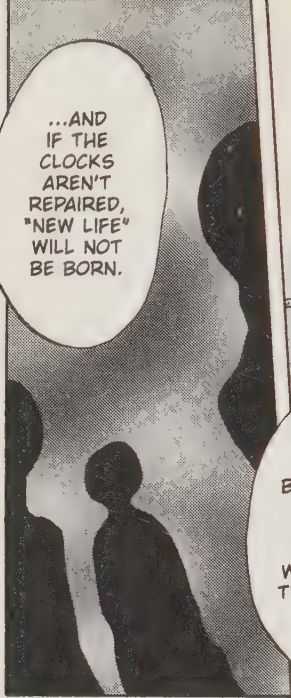


JULIUS
REALLY
HATES
GOING
OUT, SO...

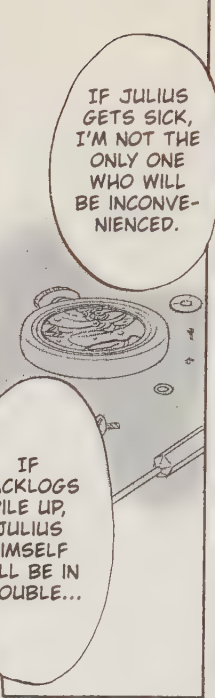


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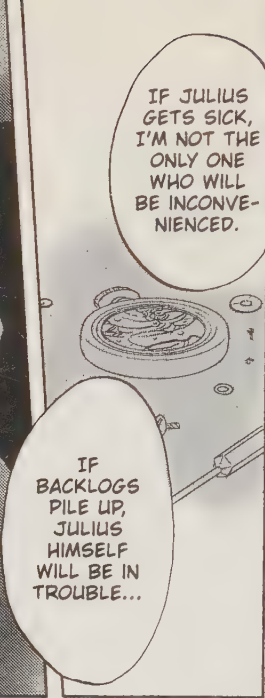




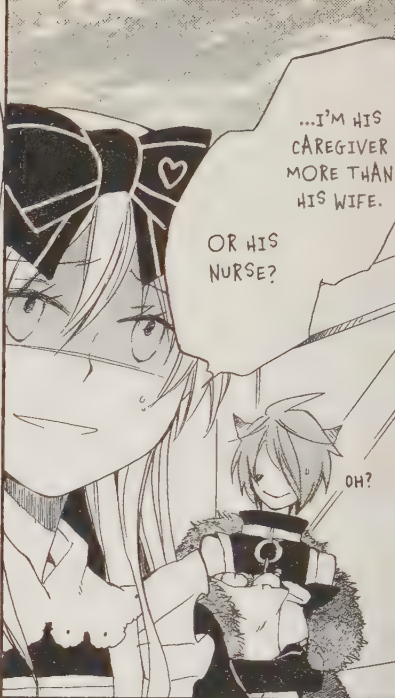
...AND
IF THE
CLOCKS
AREN'T
REPAIRED,
"NEW LIFE"
WILL NOT
BE BORN.



IF JULIUS
GETS SICK,
I'M NOT THE
ONLY ONE
WHO WILL
BE INCONVENIENCED.



IF
BACKLOGS
PILE UP,
JULIUS
HIMSELF
WILL BE IN
TROUBLE...



...I'M HIS
CAREGIVER
MORE THAN
HIS WIFE.

OR HIS
NURSE?

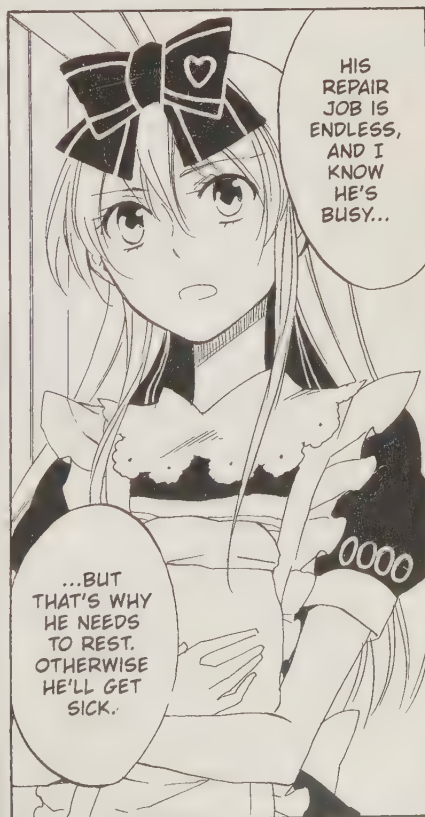
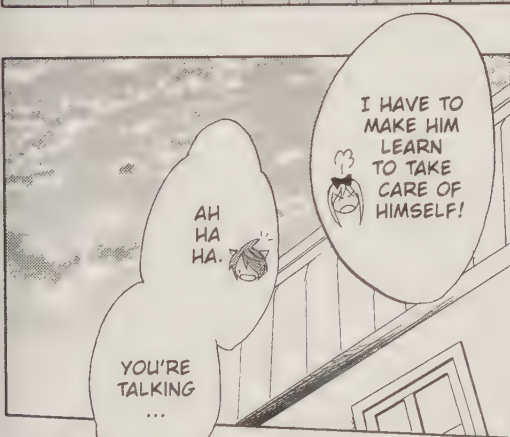
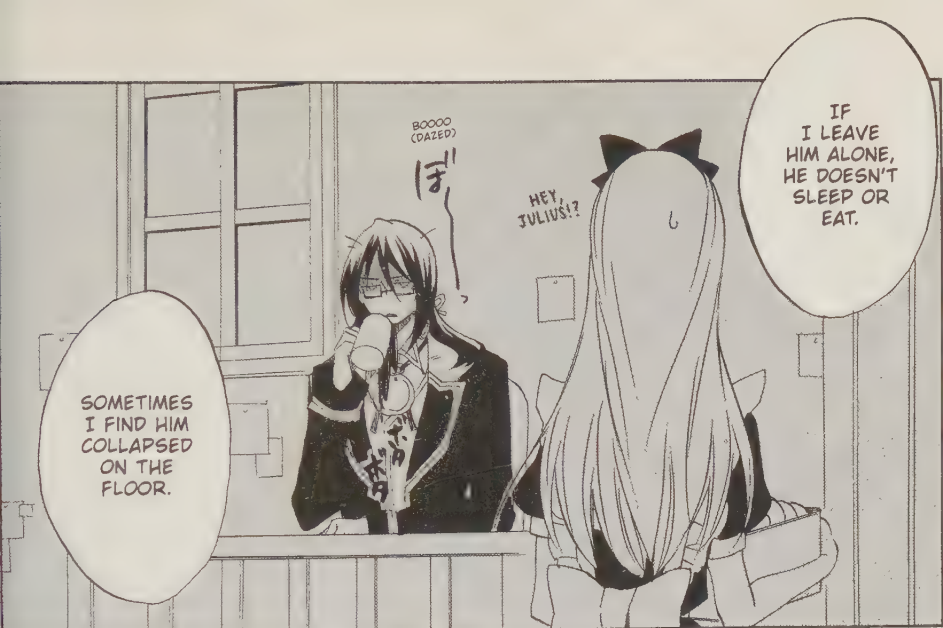
OH?

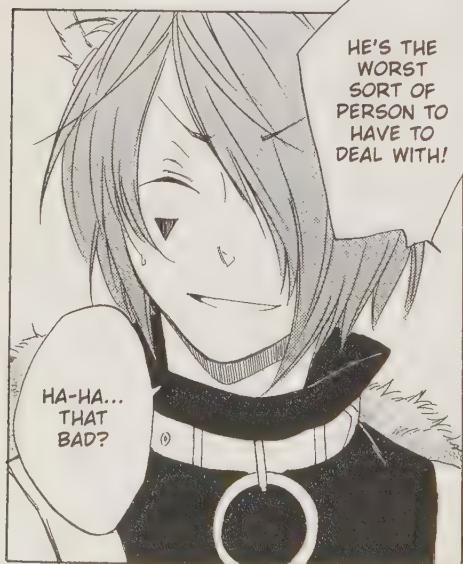
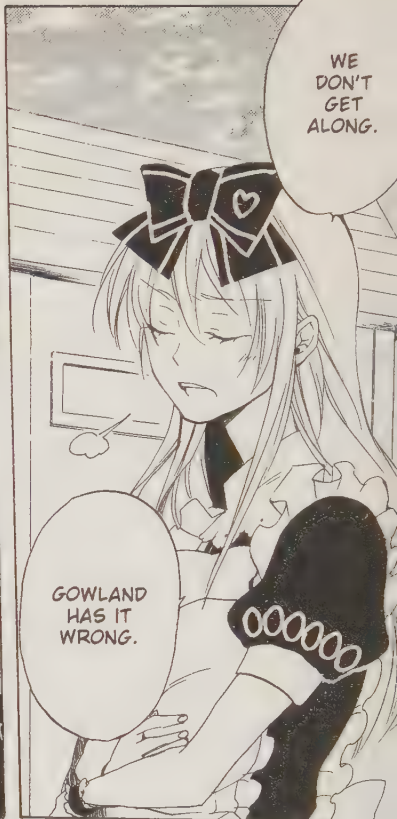


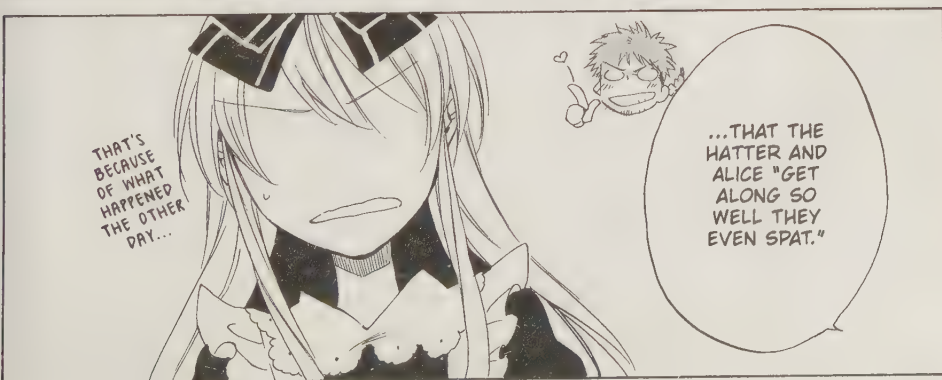
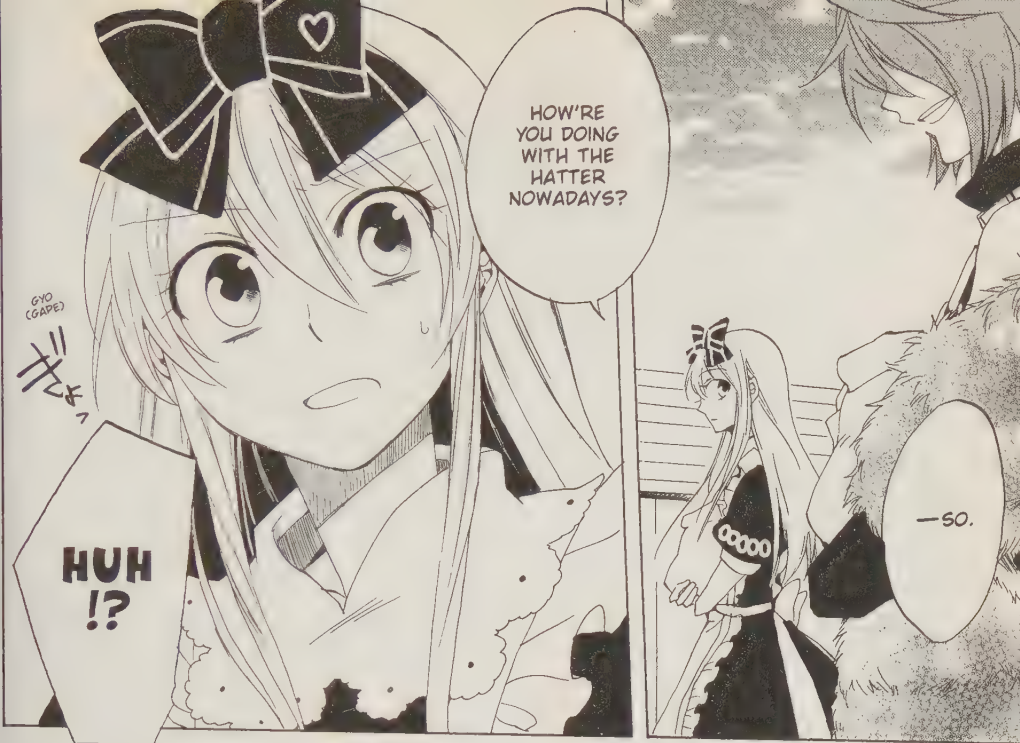
I CAN
TAKE CARE
OF HIM
NOW...

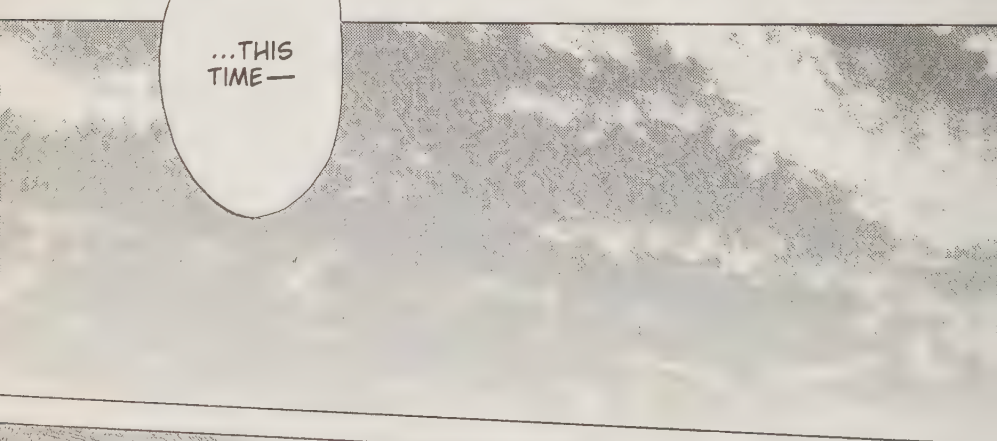


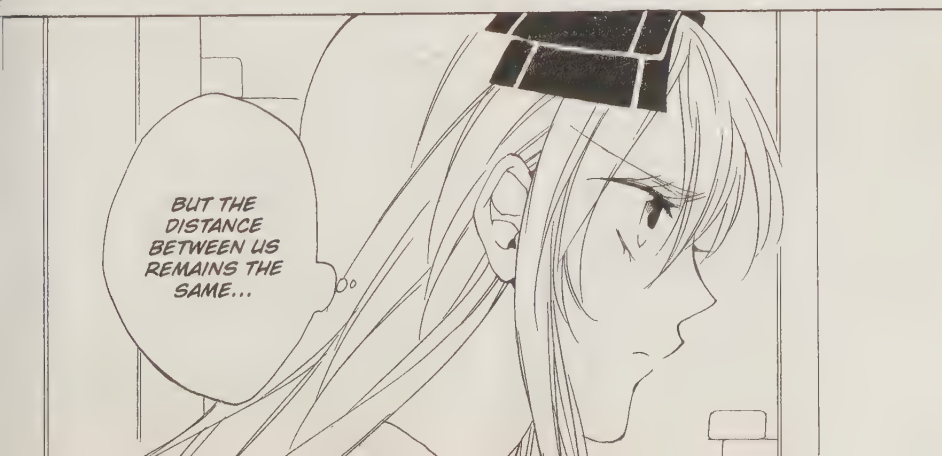
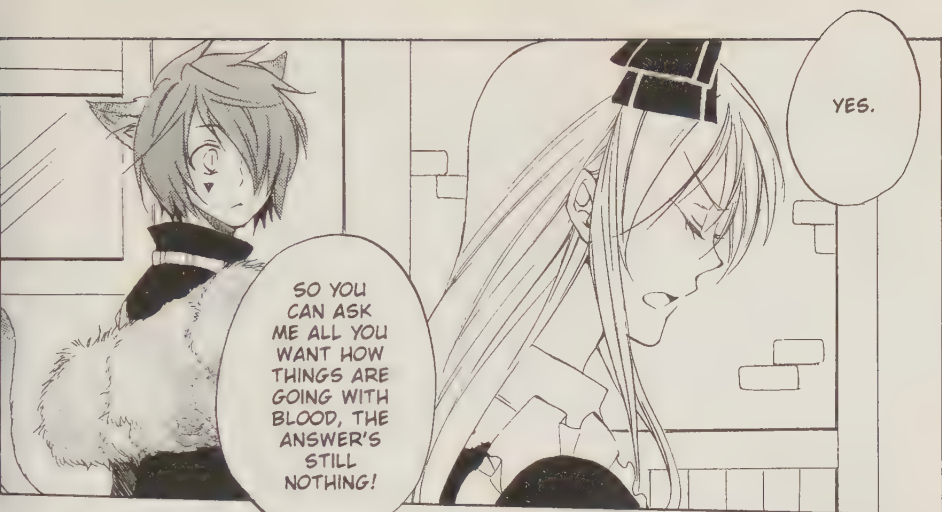
...BUT
WHEN I
RETURN
TO MY
WORLD—











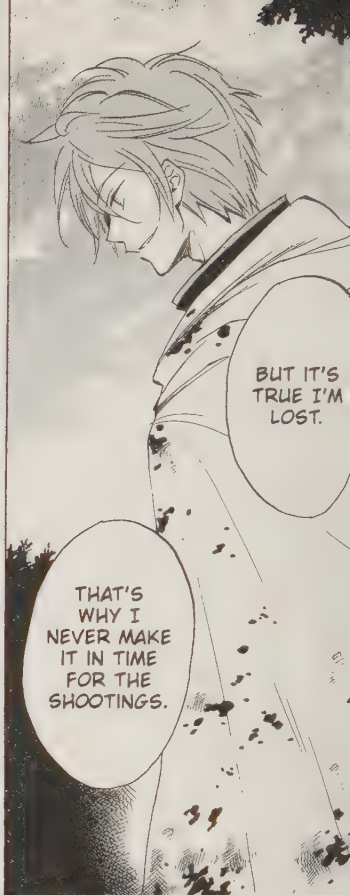


BUT THIS IS
CONVENIENT.



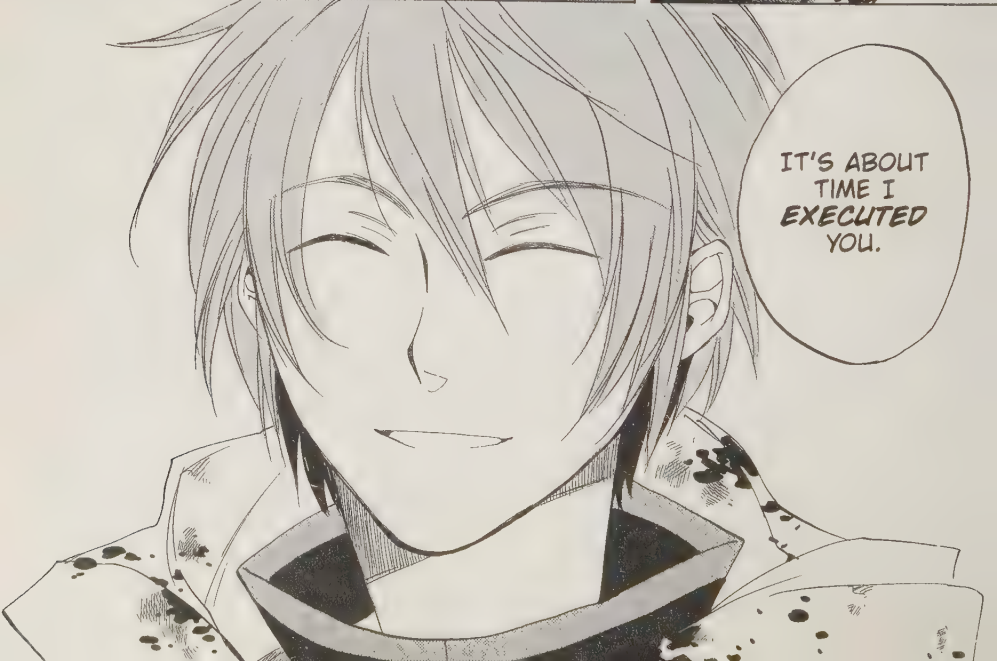
I MADE IT
THIS TIME
BECAUSE YOU
HAPPENED
TO PASS
NEARBY.

AND I'M
DRESSED
THIS WAY
'COS I'M
ON MY WAY
HOME
FROM A
MISSION.



BUT IT'S
TRUE I'M
LOST.

THAT'S
WHY I
NEVER MAKE
IT IN TIME
FOR THE
SHOOTINGS.



IT'S ABOUT
TIME I
EXECUTED
YOU.



YOU
TOOK THE
TROUBLE...



USUALLY
YOU CLAIM
YOU GOT
LOST AND
HARDLY EVER
SHOW YOUR
FACE...



THAT'S
WHY I
JUST
TOLD
YOU...

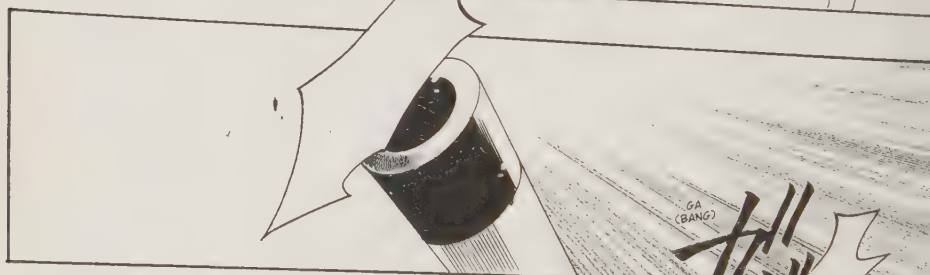
ニヒ
NIKO
(SMILE)

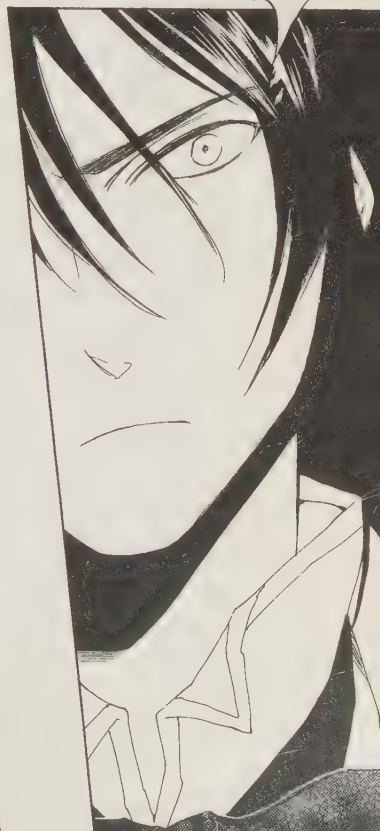
...THAT
IT WAS A
SURPRISE
ATTACK.

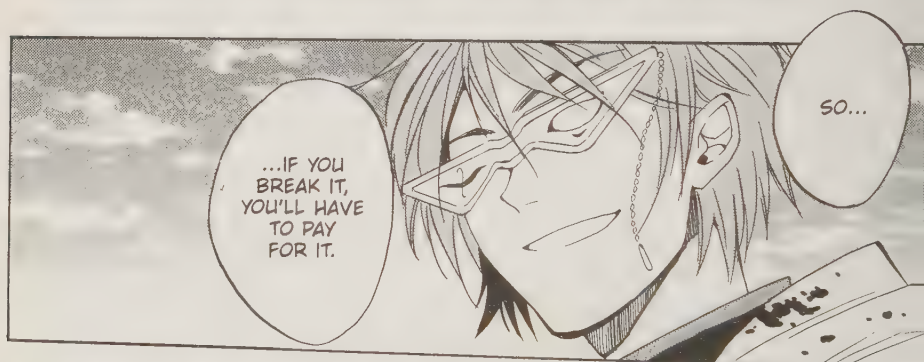
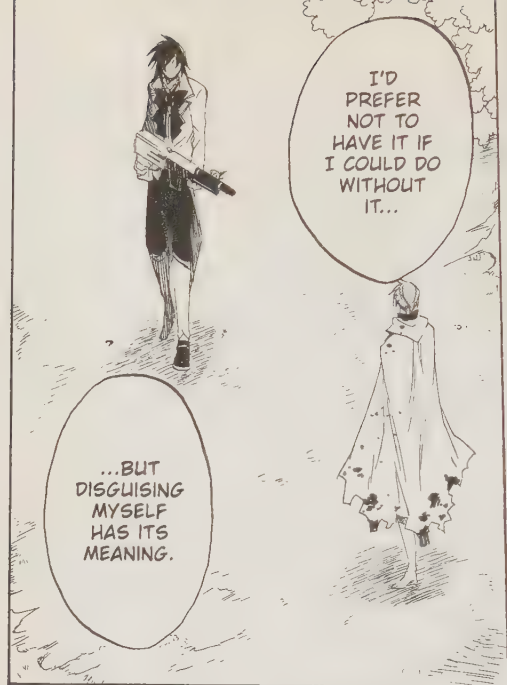
THOUGH I
FAILED.



...OF
APPEARING
IN THAT
OUTFIT.







GOT... ..IT.

GOT... ..IT.

ZUZA
(GLIDE)

DON'T
DESTROY
THIS.

IT'S
IMPORTANT
TO ME.



THE "SENSE
OF RESPON-
SIBILITY"
EVENTUALLY
CHANGES TO
"GUILT."

SHE
CARES
ABOUT
PEOPLE'S
LIVES.

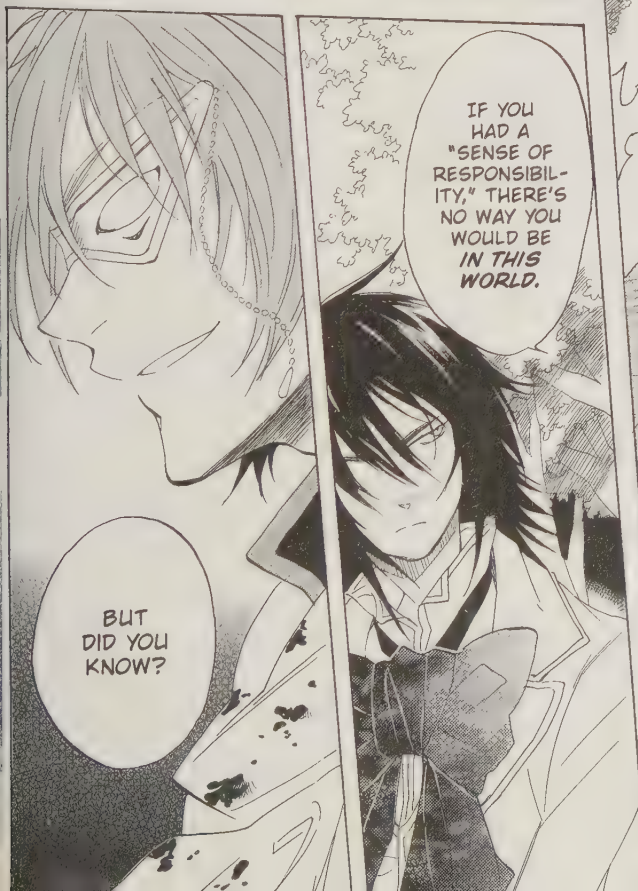
SHE
WORRIES THAT
SHE MIGHT BE
MAKING THE
PEOPLE IN
HER WORLD
WORRY.

ALICE
HAS A LOT
OF THAT
"SENSE OF
RESPONSI-
BILITY."





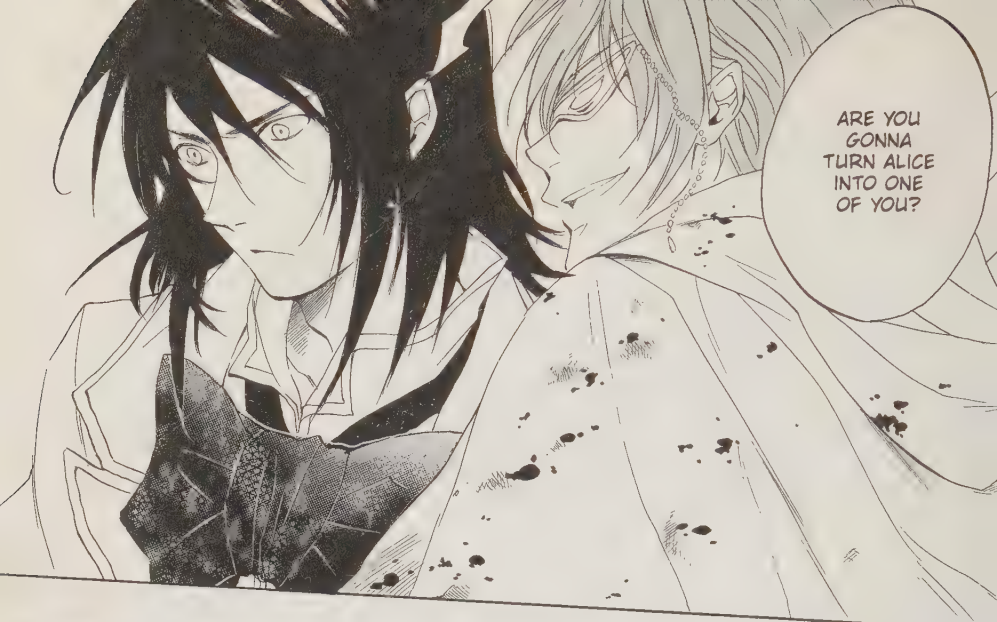
NNN,
YES.



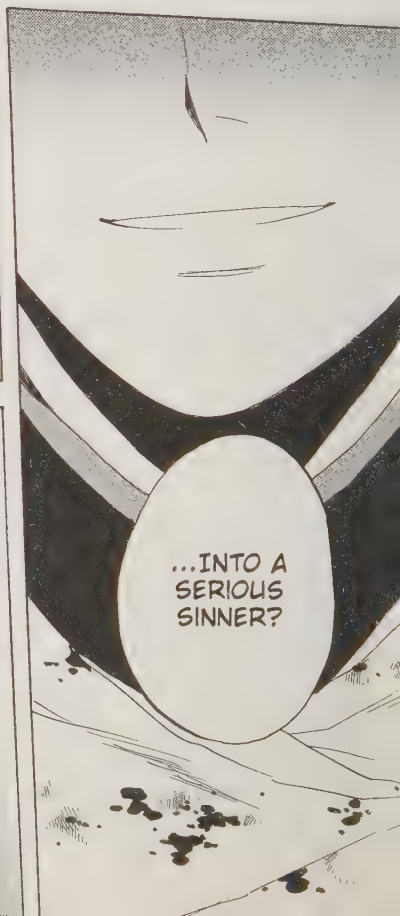
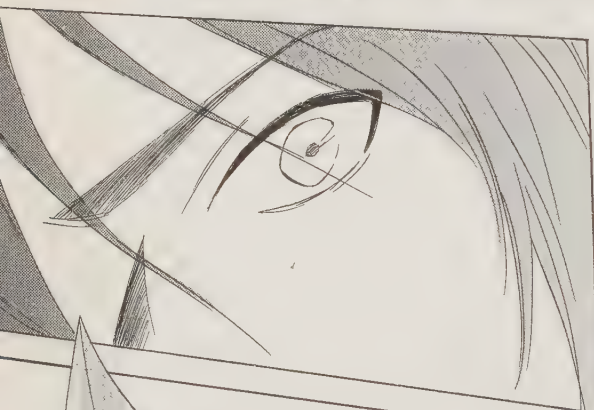
BUT
DID YOU
KNOW?

IF YOU
HAD A
"SENSE OF
RESPONSIBIL-
ITY," THERE'S
NO WAY YOU
WOULD BE
IN THIS
WORLD.

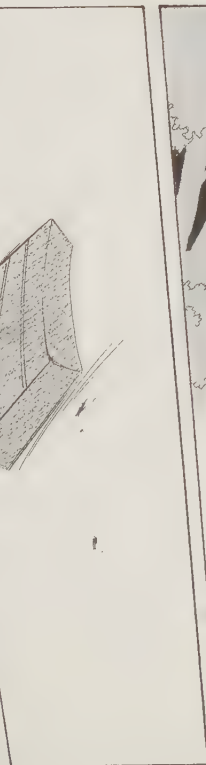
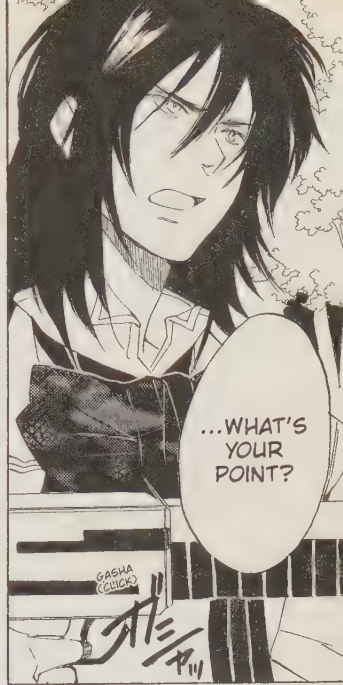
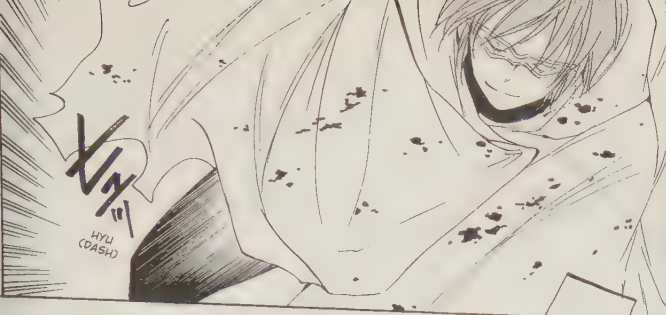


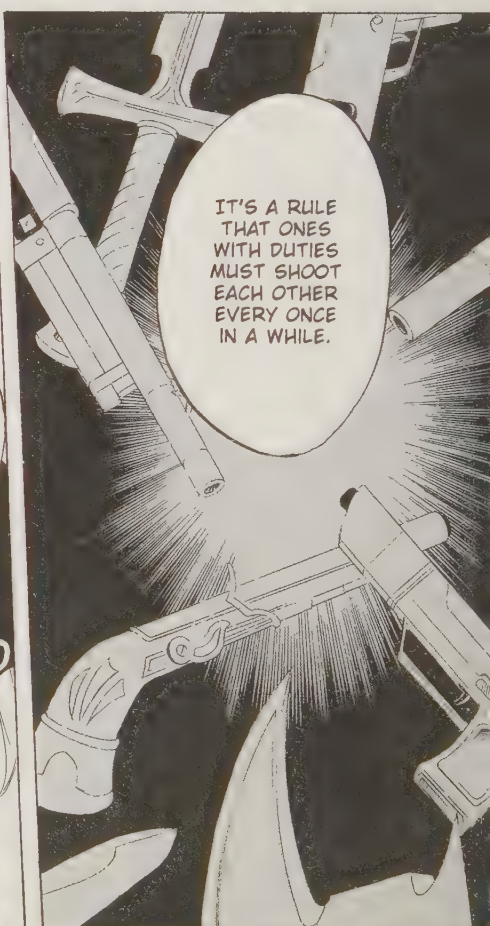
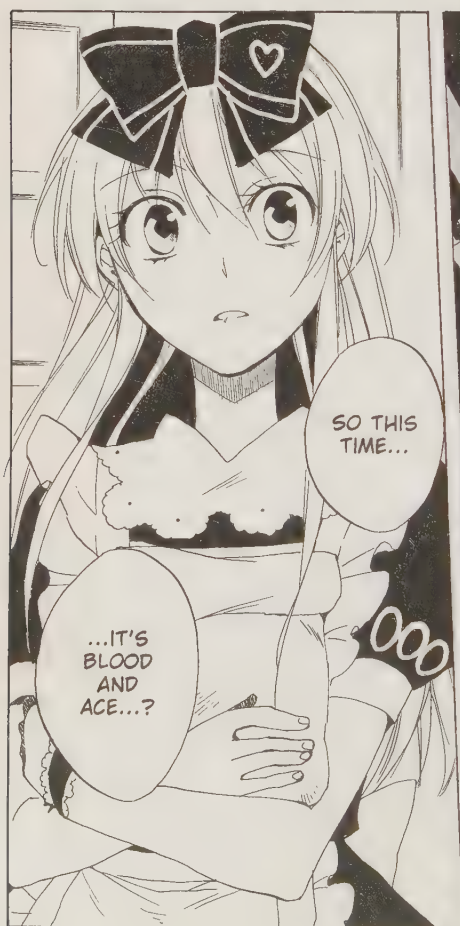
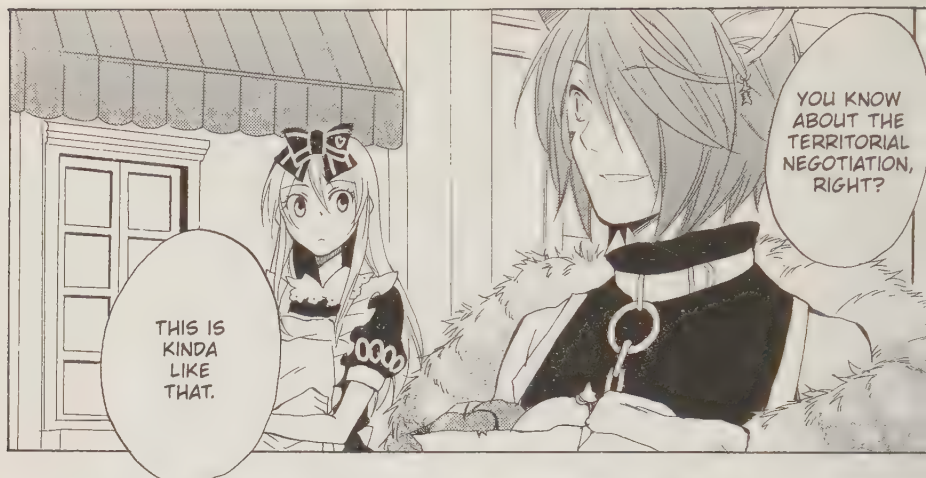


ARE YOU
GONNA
TURN ALICE
INTO ONE
OF YOU?



...INTO A
SERIOUS
SINNER?



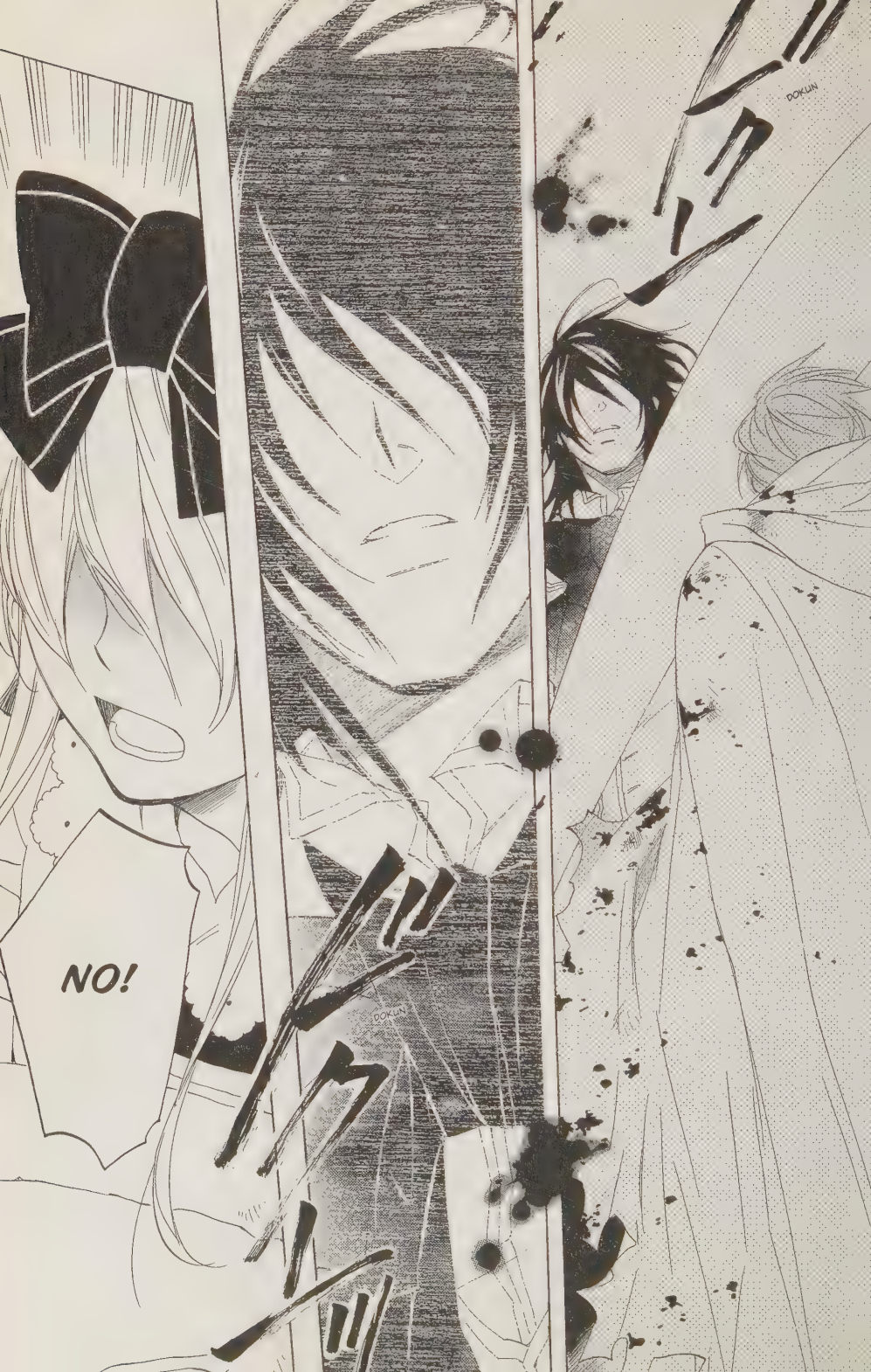




ZAGHU
(SUCE)

三子

HHH...?



NO!

DOKUN

DOKUN

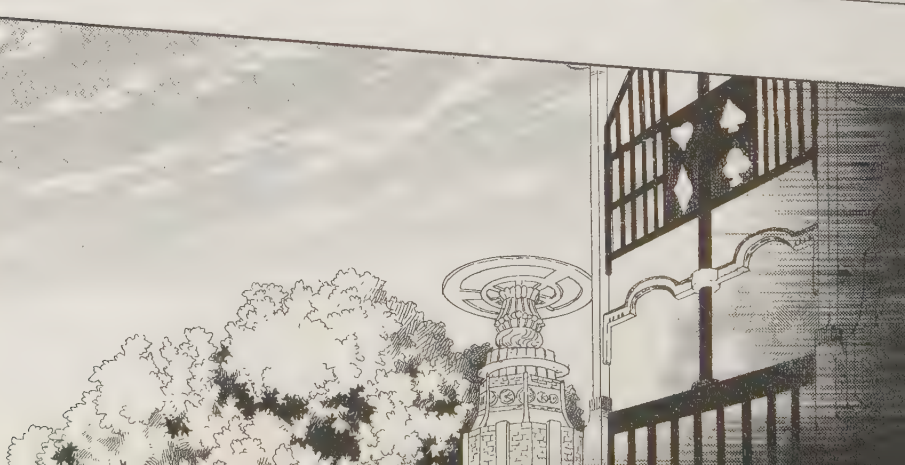
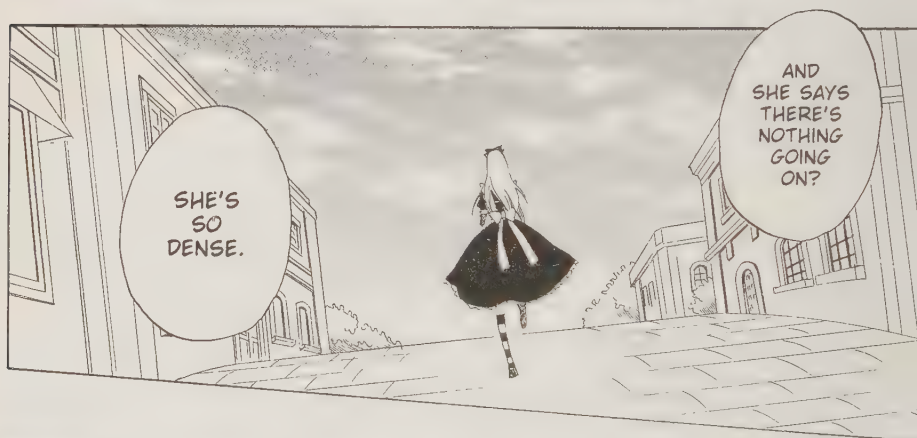
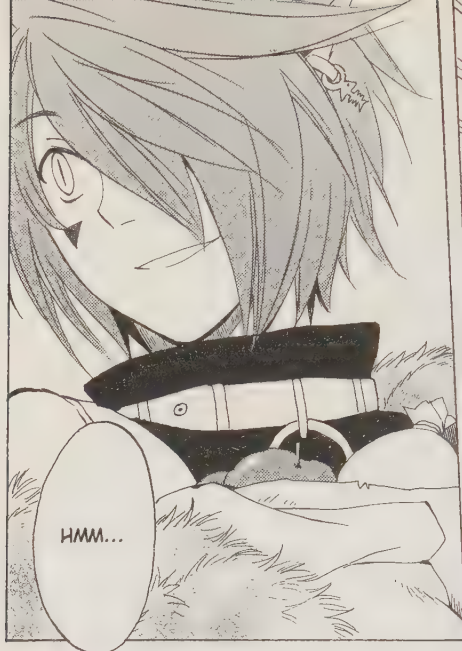


WITH
ACE!?

YEAH.

DOKLIN
(BADLIN)

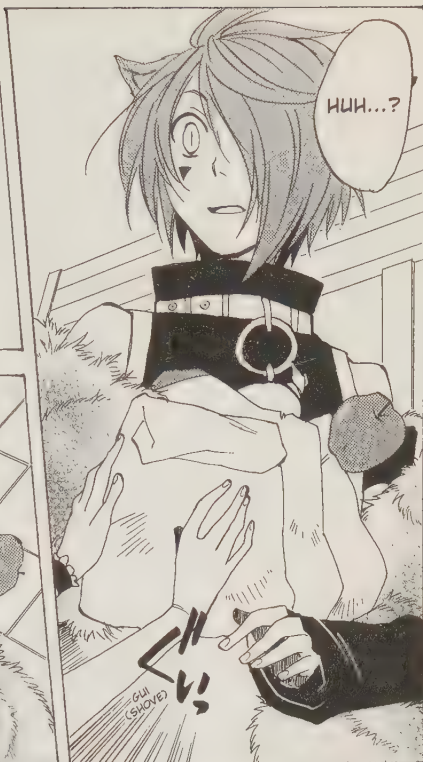
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EH...

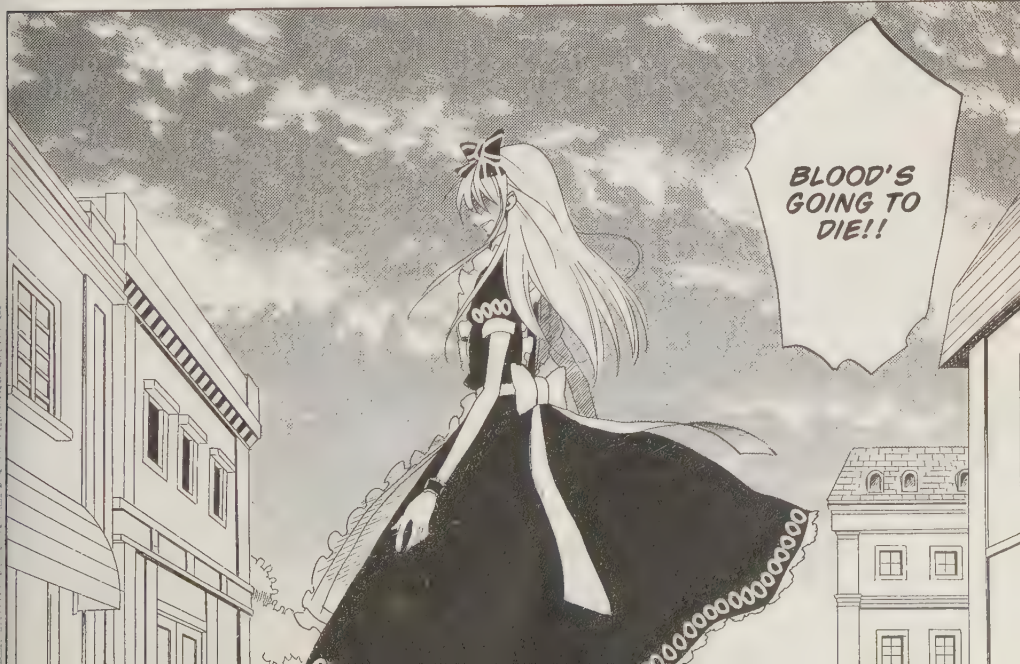
EH!?



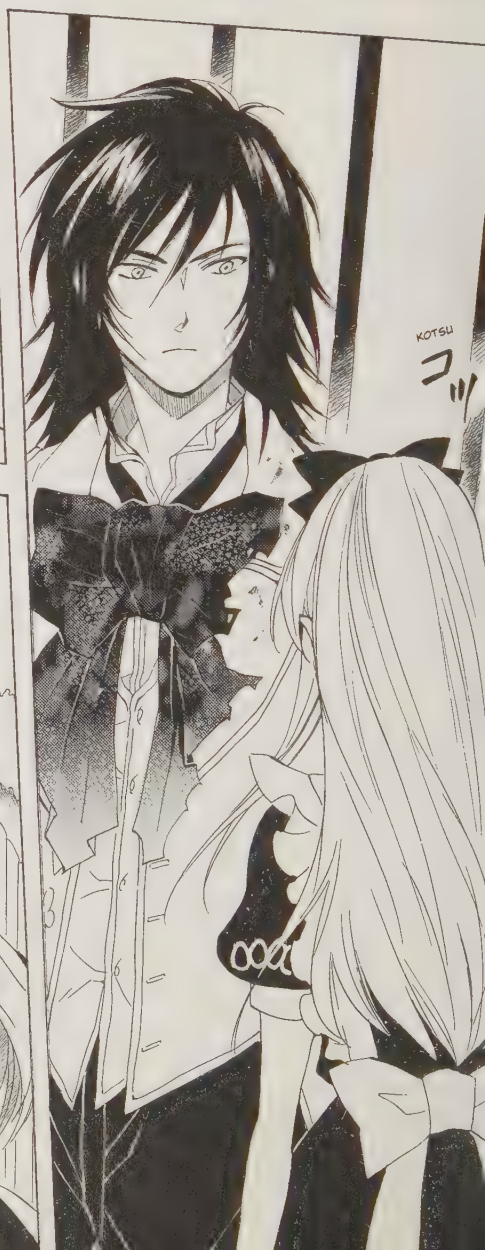
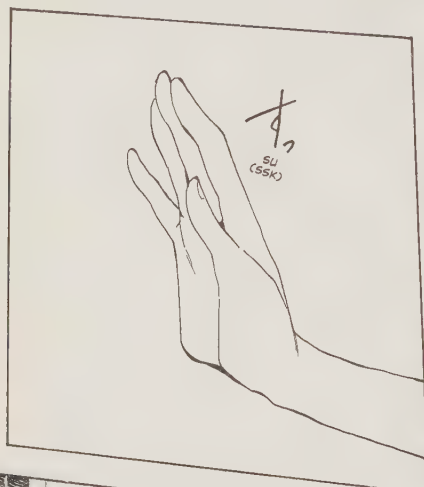
HUH...?

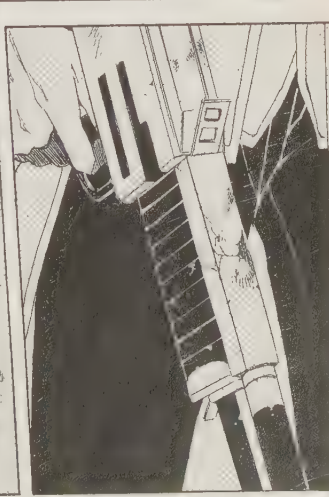
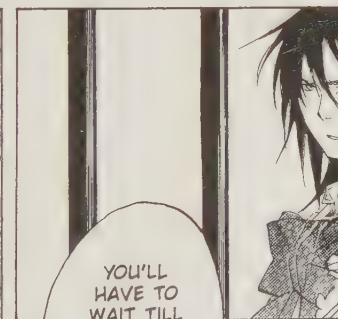
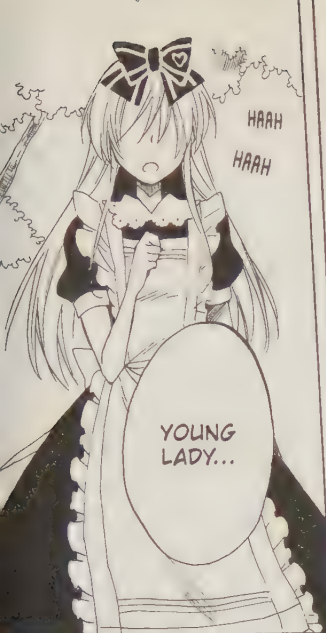


ALICE!?



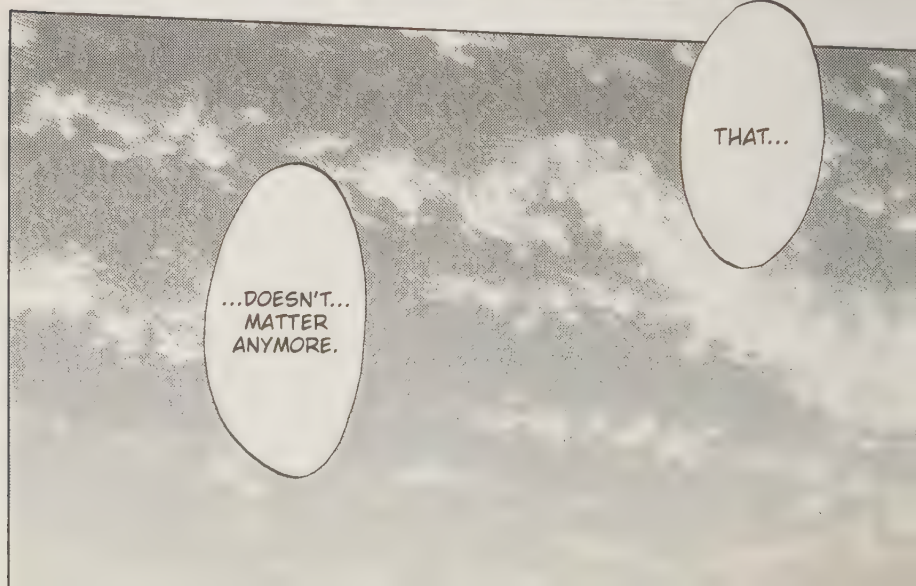
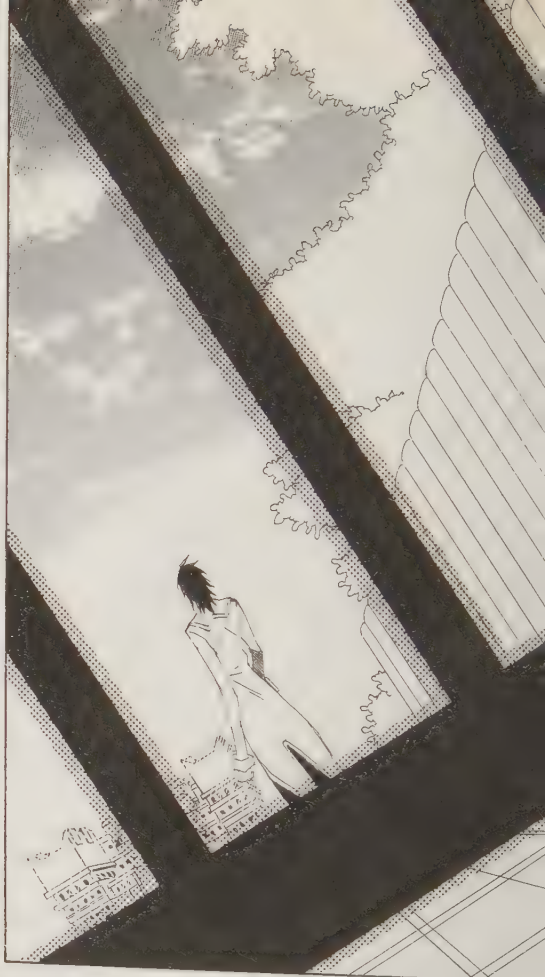
BLOOD'S
GOING TO
DIE!!





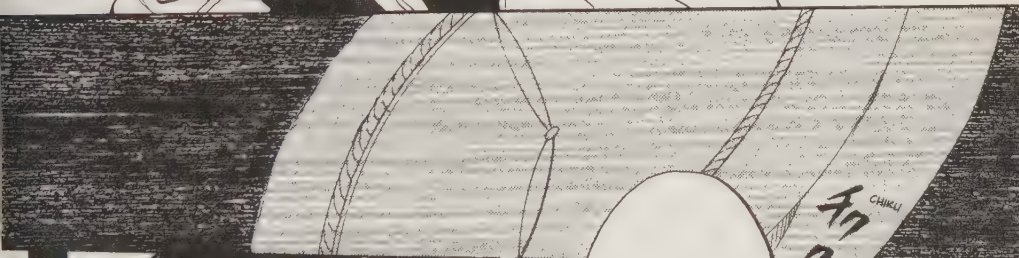


...TH...

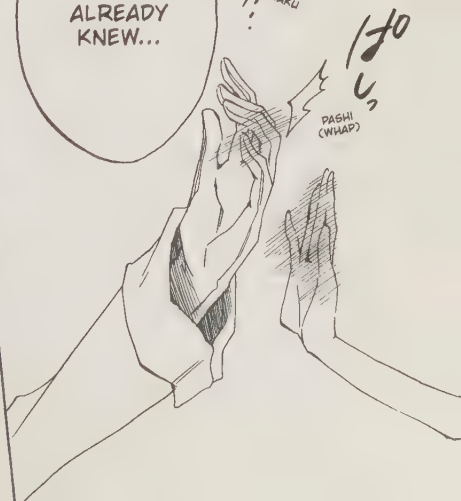
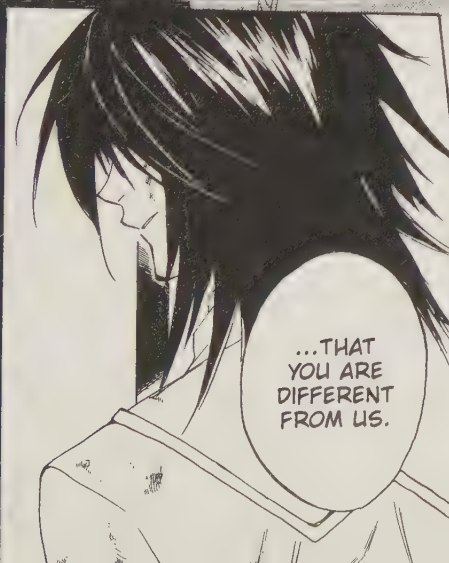


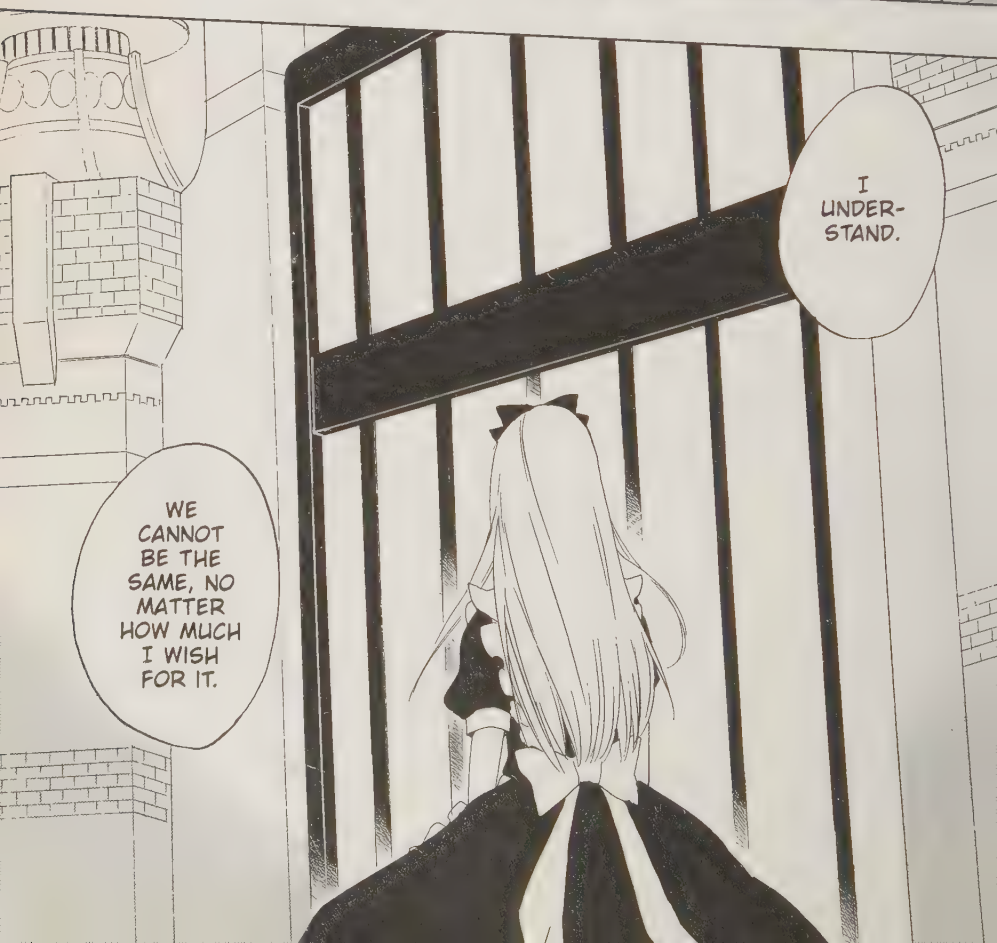
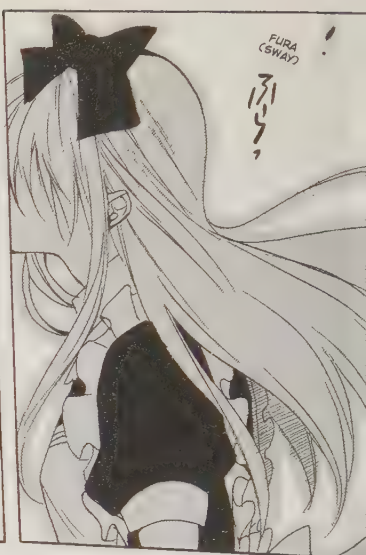
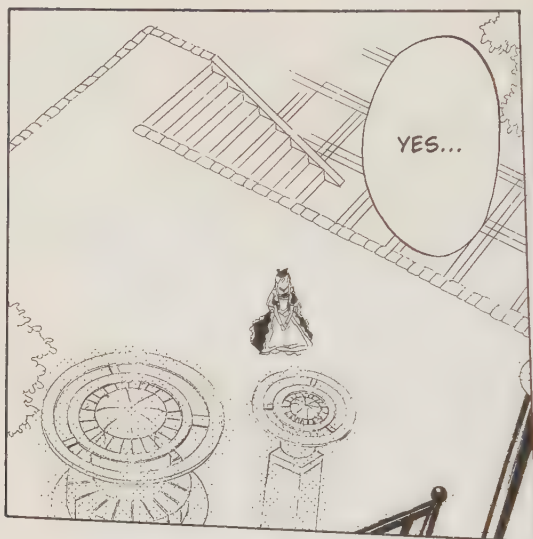
...DOESN'T...
MATTER
ANYMORE.

THAT...



—YOU
ALREADY
KNEW...



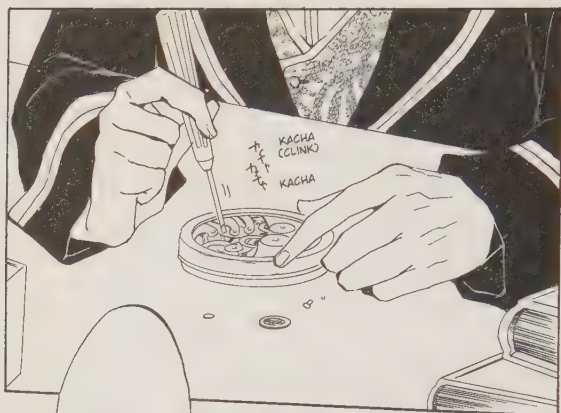


THE SOUND
OF BLOOD'S
"HEART"—

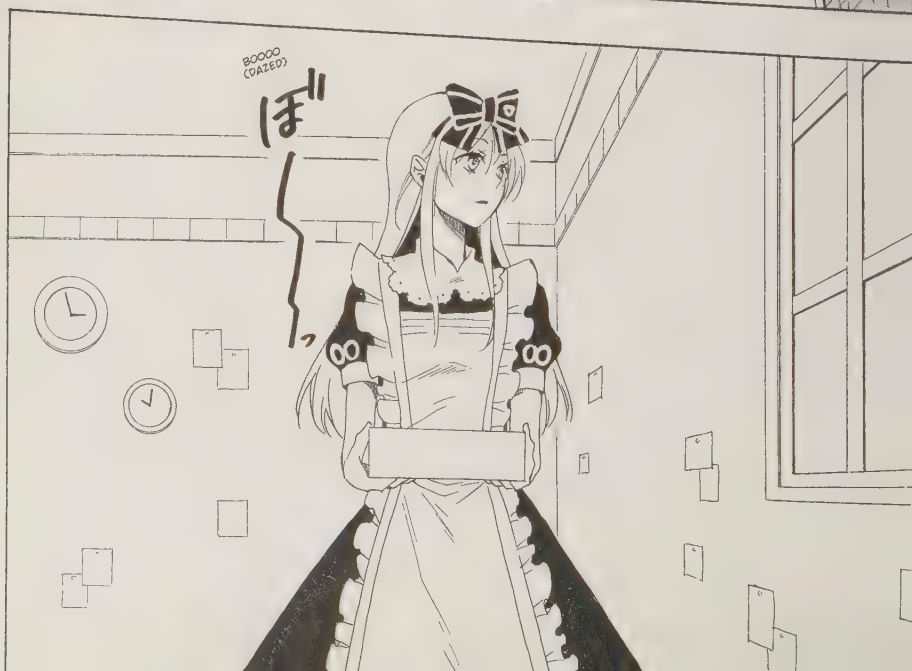
...IS
DIFFERENT
FROM MY
"HEART."

I'M
GLAD...

...YOU'RE
ALIVE.



SIGH...





SOON.



*I MUST
RETURN.*



SOON.

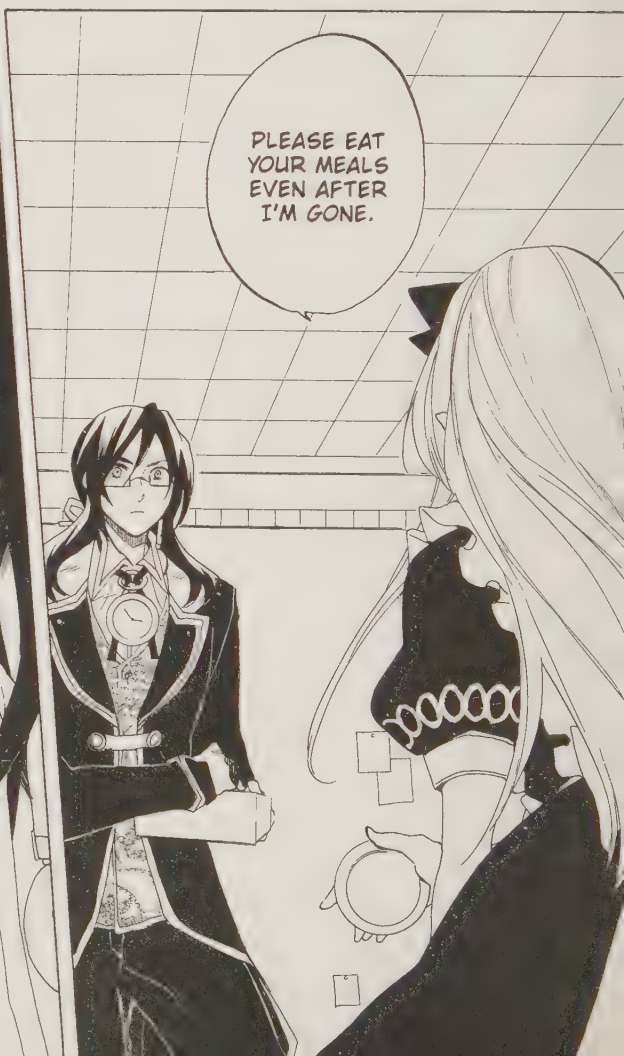
...AN OUTSIDER—

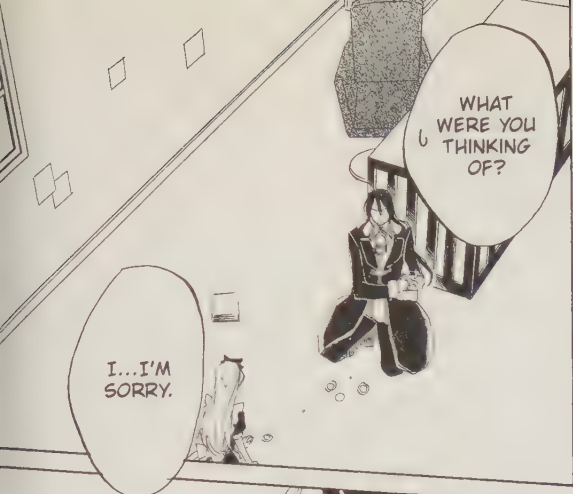
BECAUSE I'M...

BECAUSE
I'M...

♥33 Die is Cast







I...I'M
SORRY.

WHAT
WERE YOU
THINKING
OF?



I BROKE
YOUR
PRECIOUS
CLOCKS...



.....

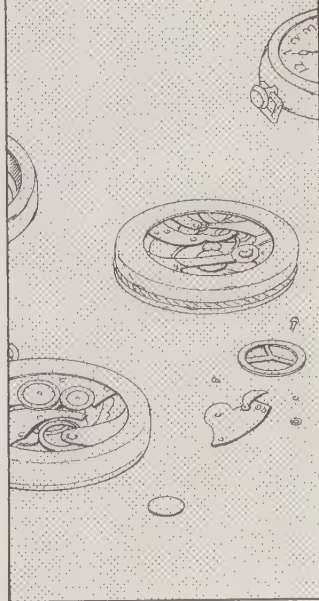


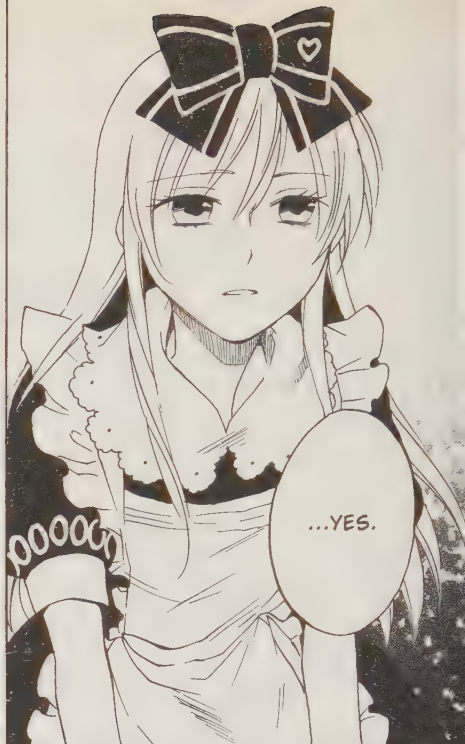
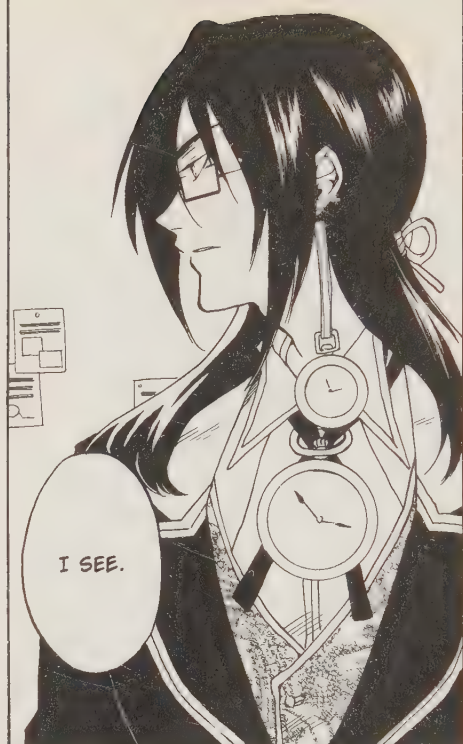
I HADN'T
REPAIRED
THEM
YET, SO
IT'S ALL
RIGHT,
BUT...

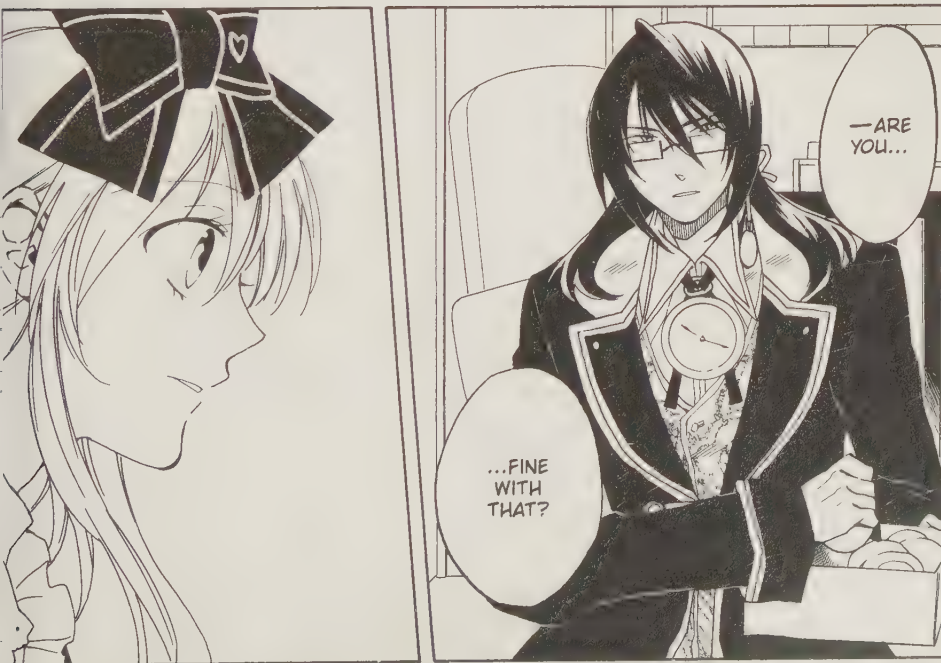
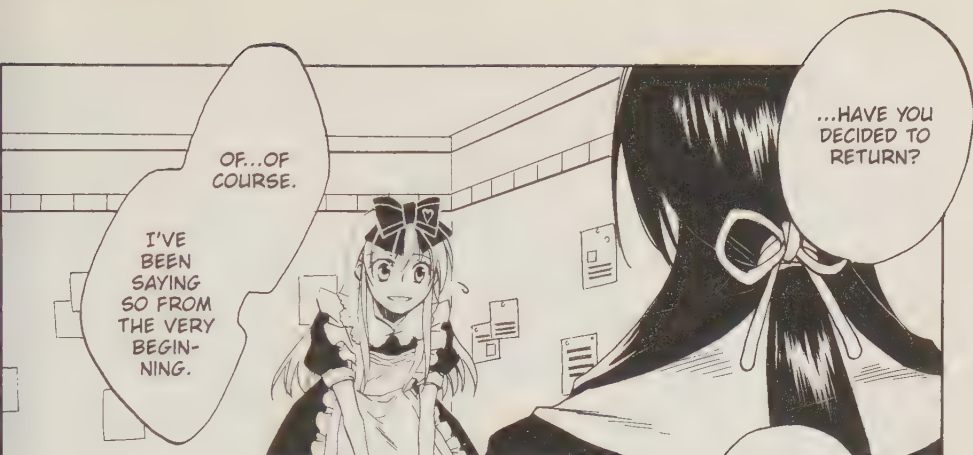
...THIS
ISN'T
LIKE
YOU.

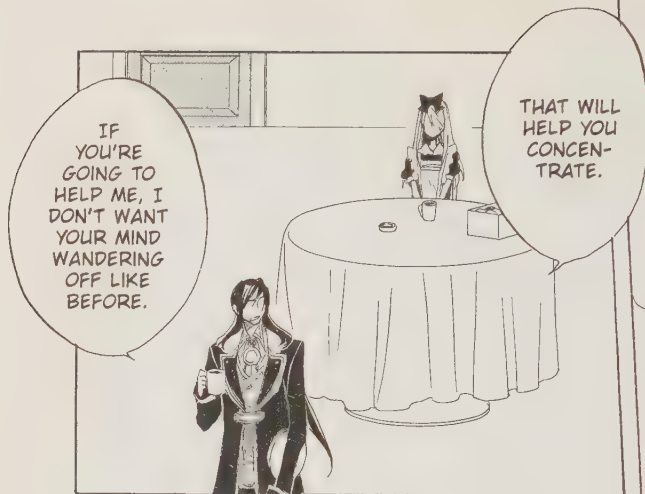


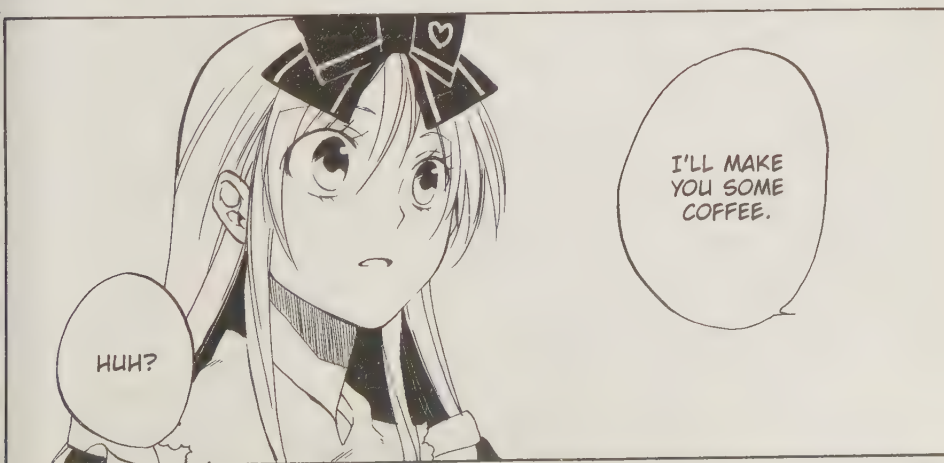
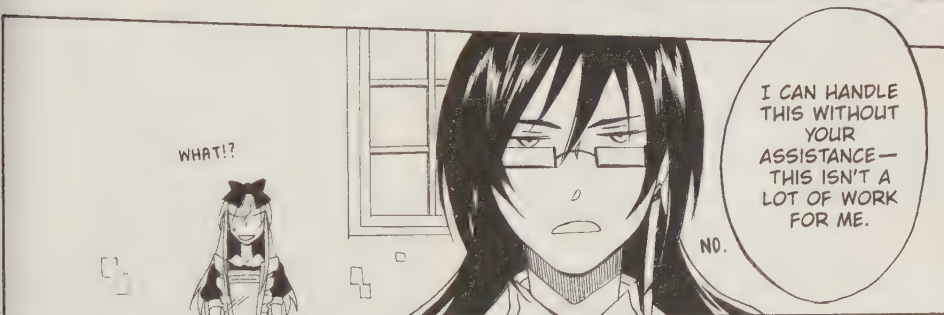
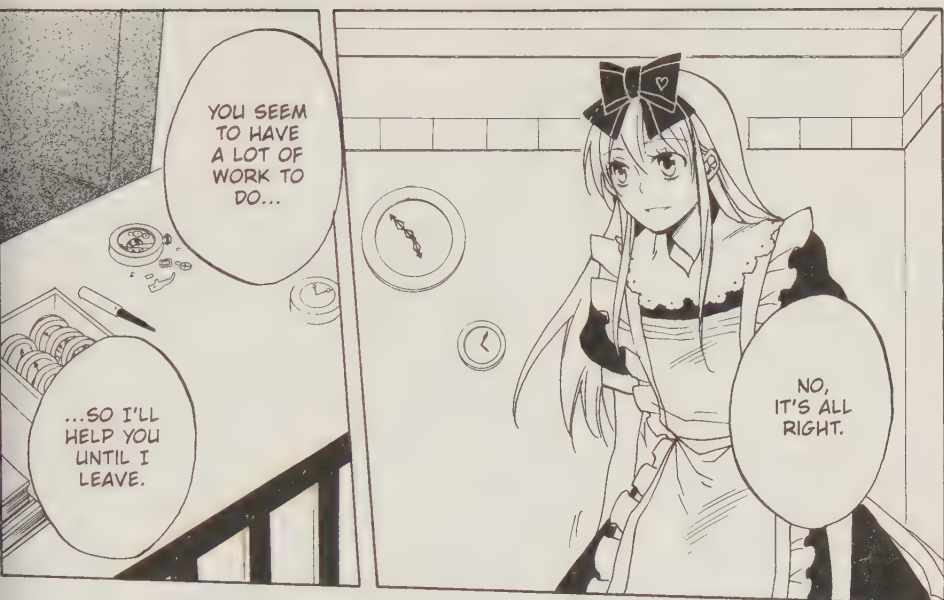
...REALLY.

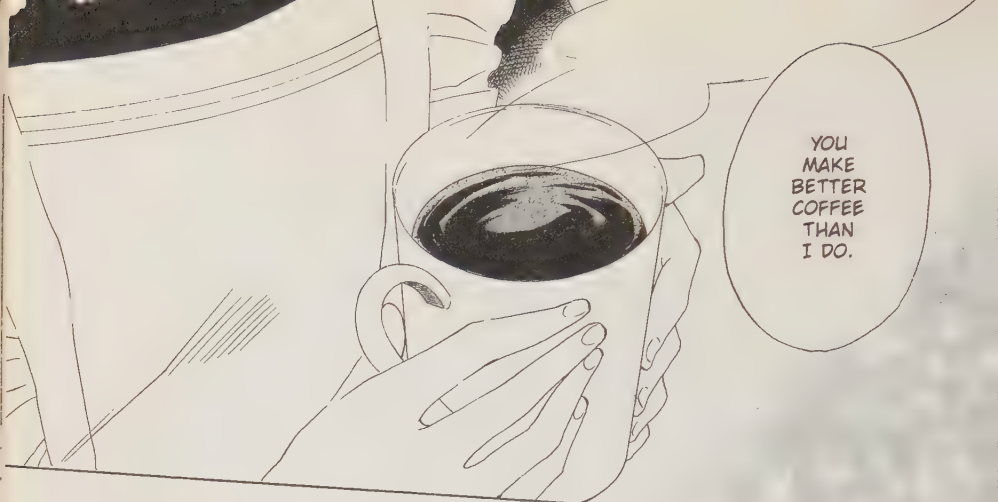












YOU
MAKE
BETTER
COFFEE
THAN
I DO.

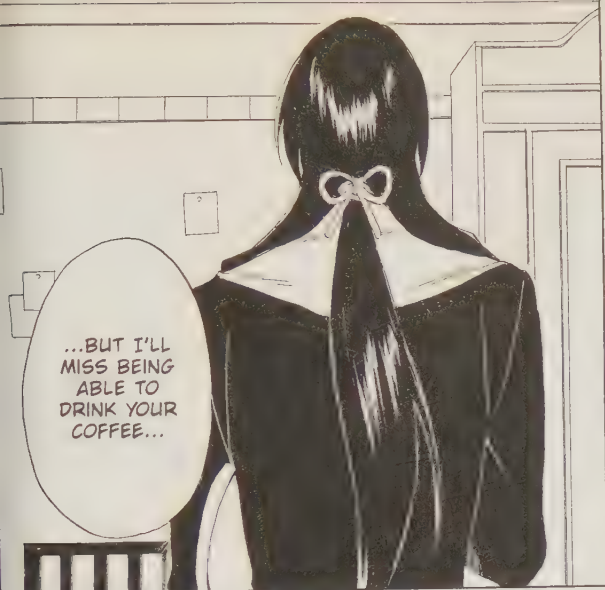


KH

DOSA
(THUD)



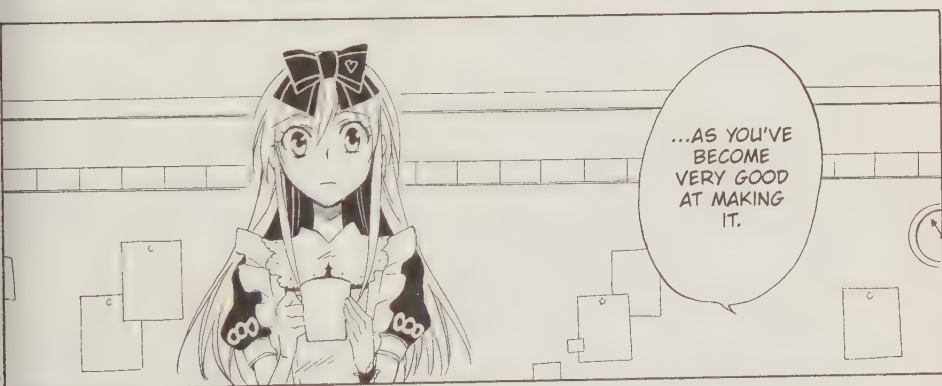
PAAN
(BANG)



...BUT I'LL
MISS BEING
ABLE TO
DRINK YOUR
COFFEE...



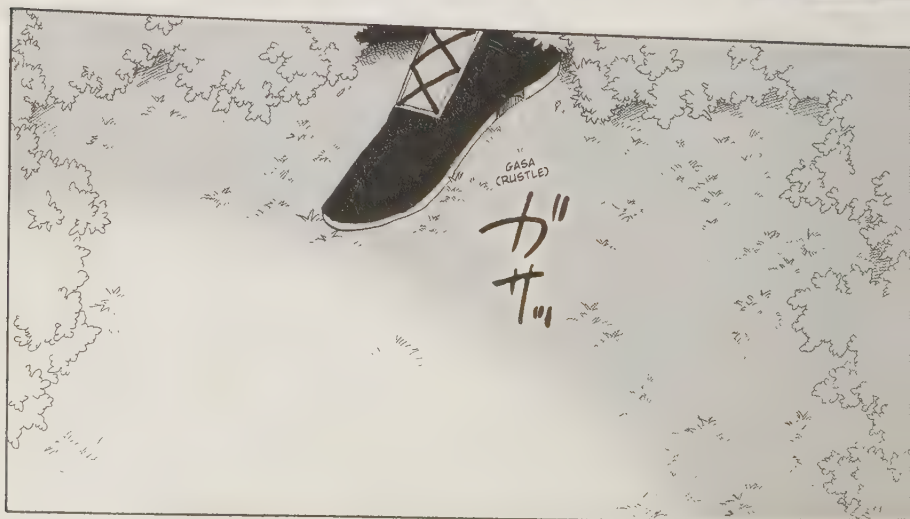
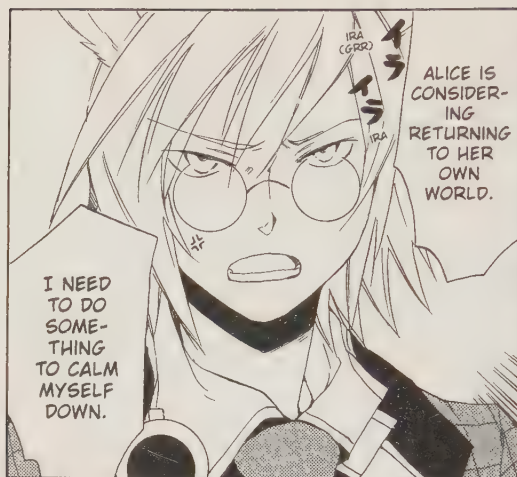
MY WORK
WON'T BE
AFFECTED
BY YOUR
DEPARTURE...

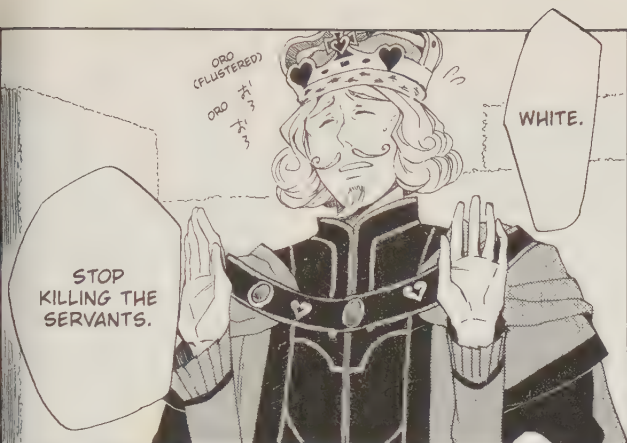


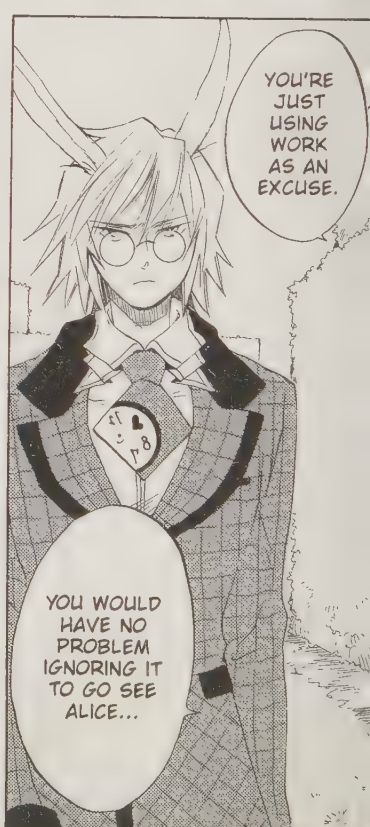
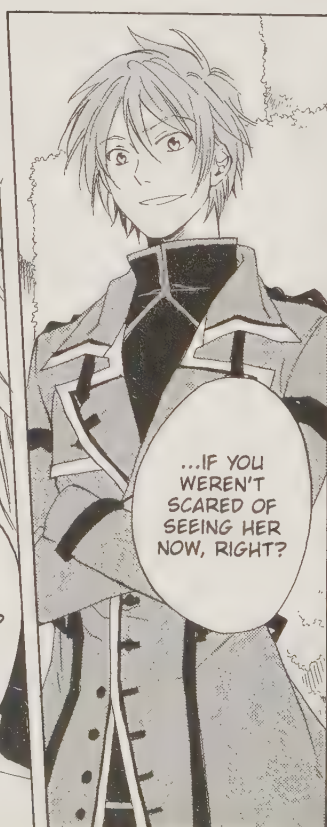
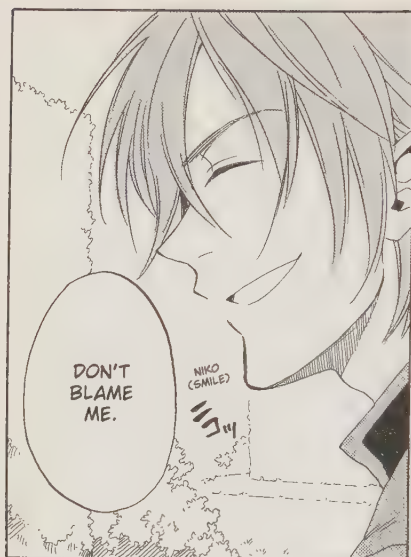
...AS YOU'VE
BECOME
VERY GOOD
AT MAKING
IT.

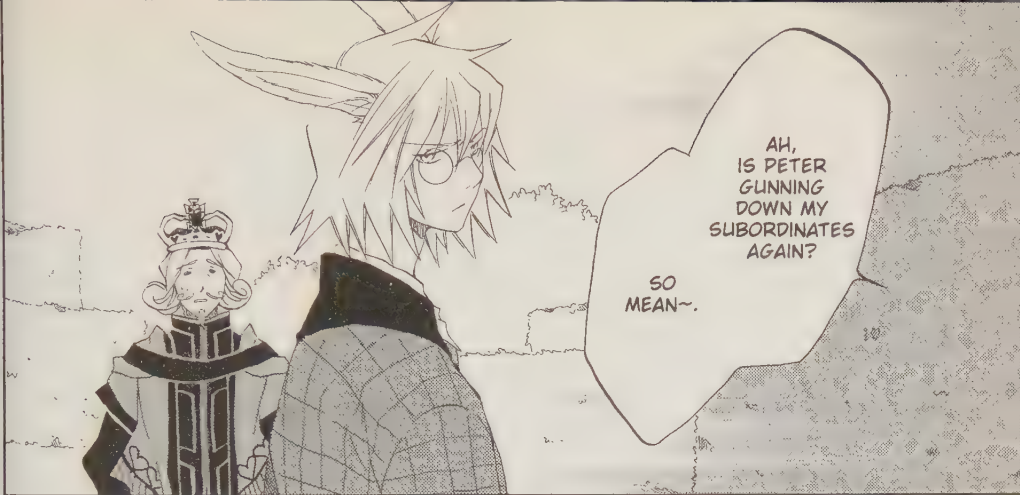


—DON'T
WORRY.









AH,
IS PETER
GUNNING
DOWN MY
SUBORDINATES
AGAIN?

SO
MEAN~.



ACE,
YOU
TOO...?

WELL,
THE KING
WILL DO SOME-
THING ABOUT
REPLACING THE
SOLDIERS, SO
IT'S NOT THAT
I CARE MUCH
MYSELF.



I CAN
TELL YOU'RE
PRETTY
ANNOYED,
PETER...

AH
HA
HA
HA

...YOUR
MOOD IS
POLLUTING
THE AIR!

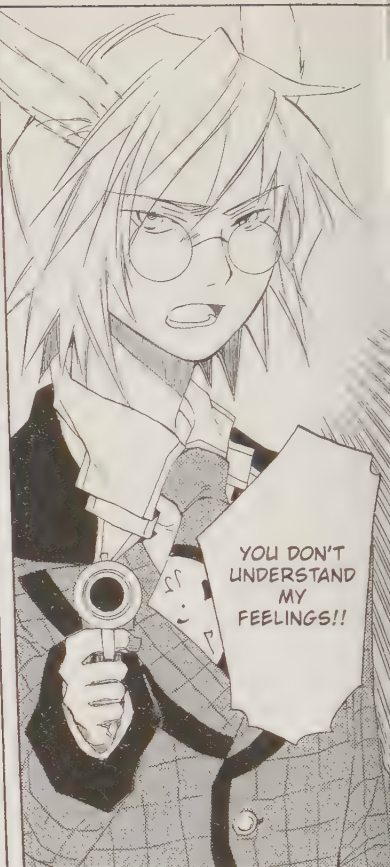
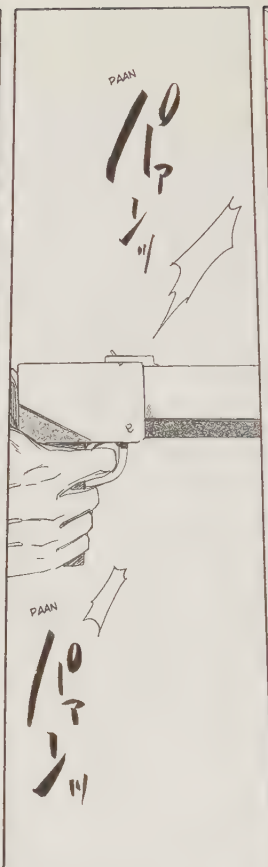
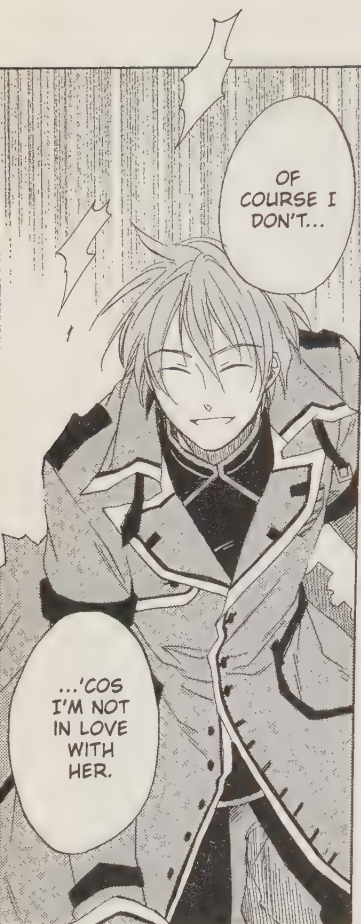


GASA
(CRUSTLE)

GASA

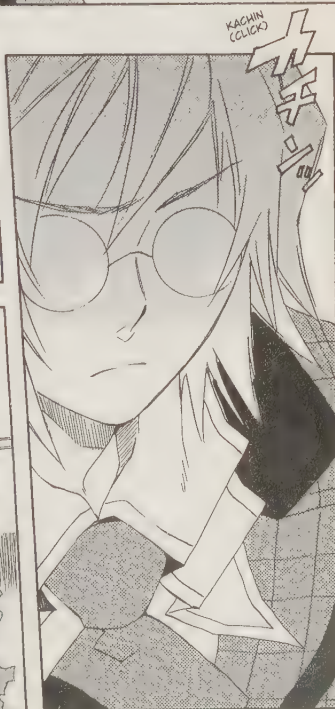
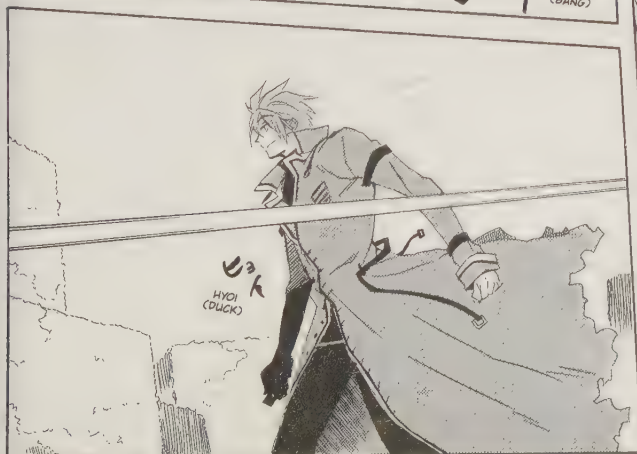
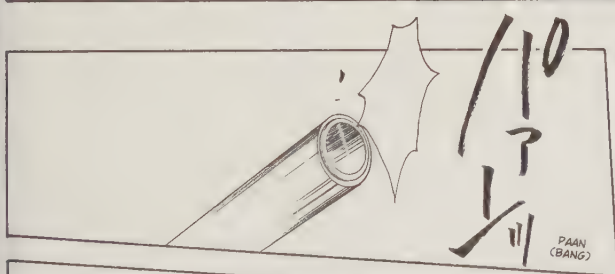
OH,
ACE.

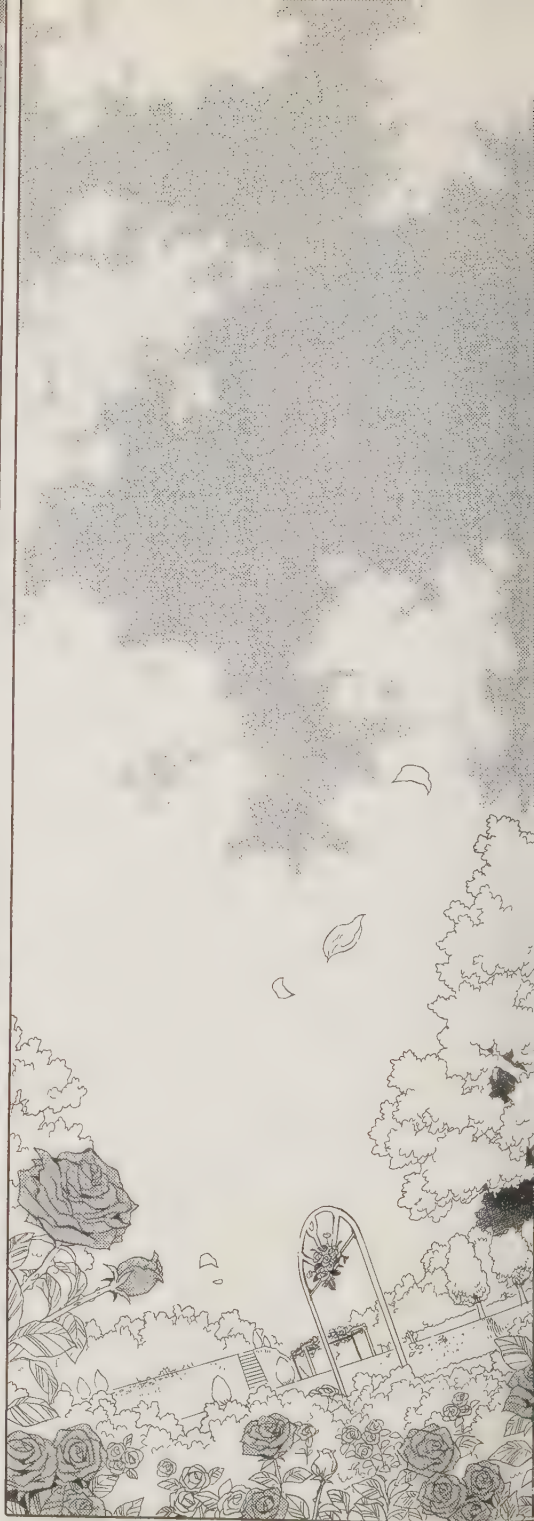
YOU'VE
FINALLY
RE-
TURNED.

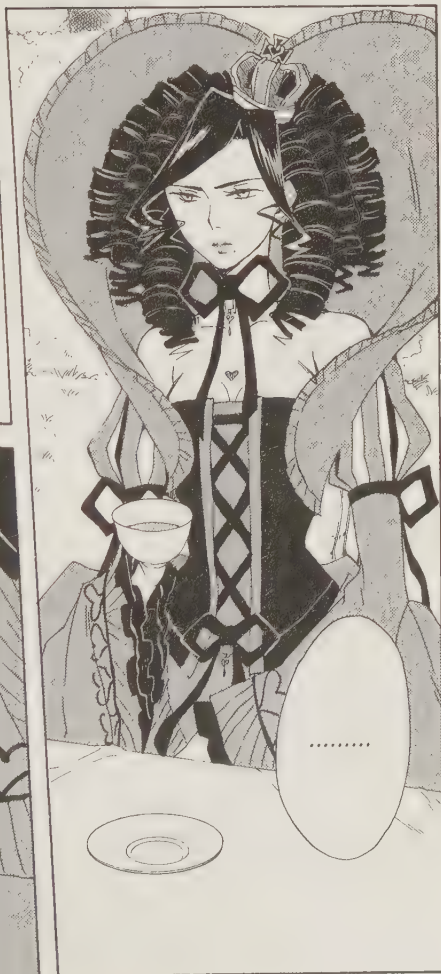


EVEN IF
YOU WENT TO
SEE HER, YOU'D
BE MISERABLE
BECAUSE YOU
WOULDN'T
BE ABLE TO
CONVINCE HER
TO STAY.

A LOSER...
A LOSER OF
A RABBIT.







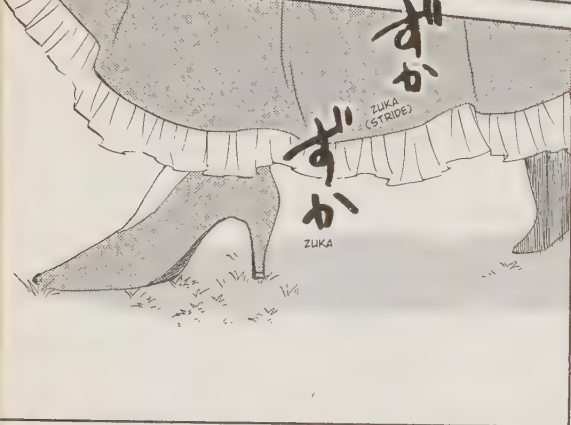
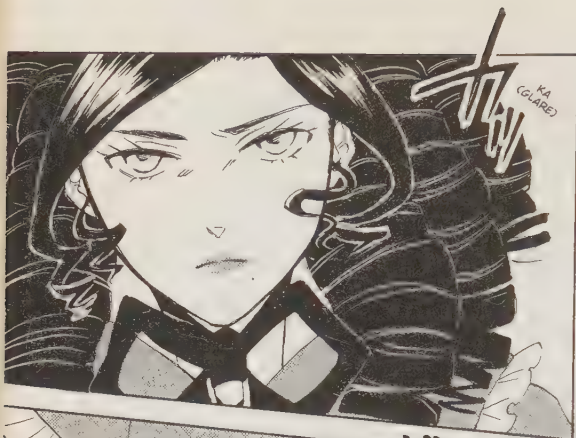


WHAT
ARE YOU
PLANNING
TO DO?



WHY ARE
YOU SO
CALM?

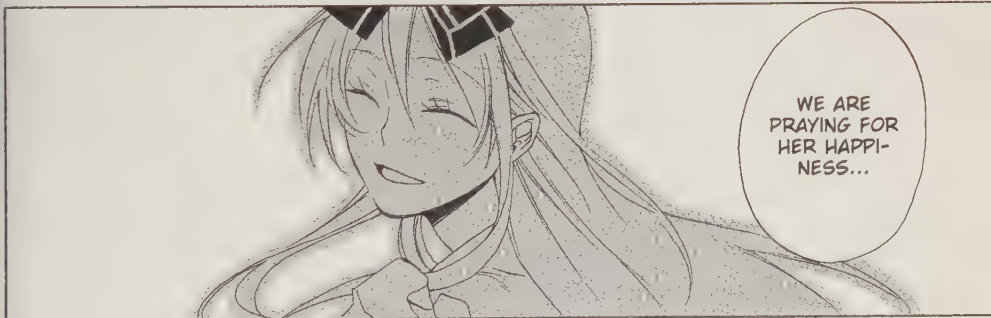




...I DON'T
UNDERSTAND
WHAT YOU'RE
TALKING
ABOUT.



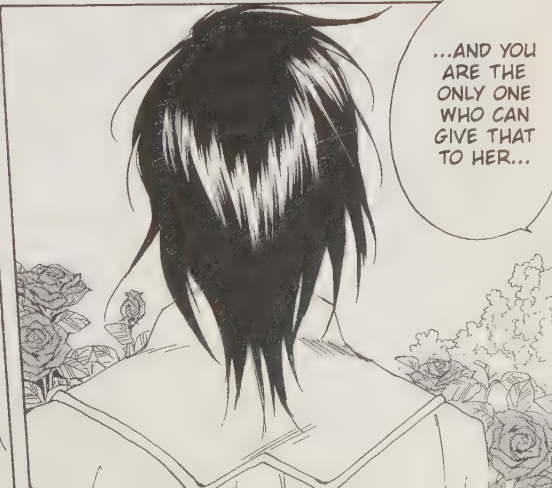
ARE YOU
GOING TO
LET THAT
GIRL RETURN
TO HER OWN
WORLD THIS
WAY?



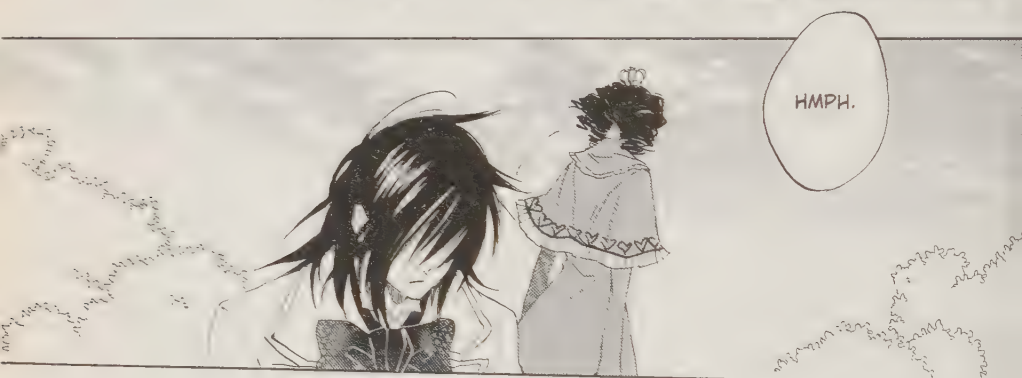
WE ARE
PRAYING FOR
HER HAPPI-
NESS...



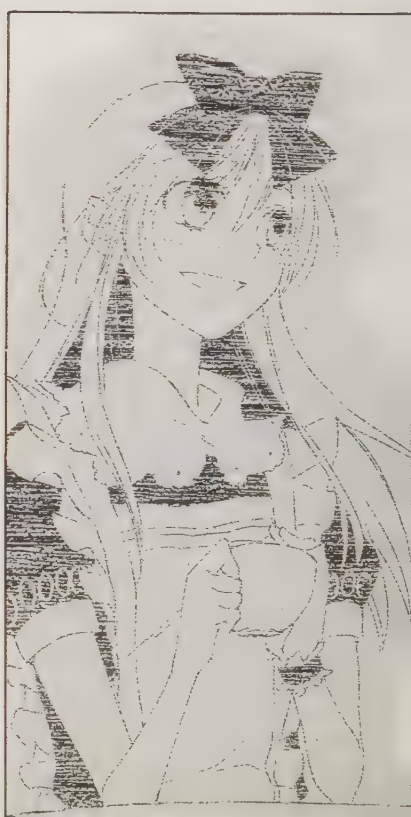
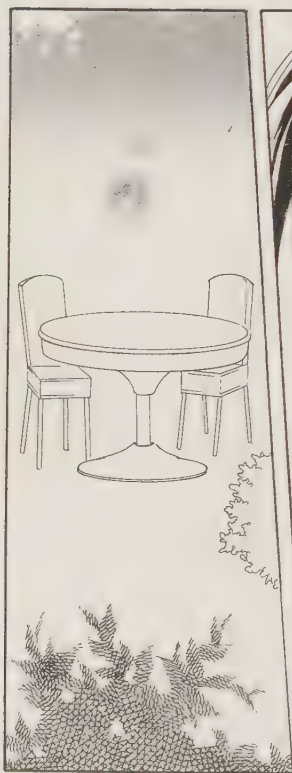
—WELL.



...AND YOU
ARE THE
ONLY ONE
WHO CAN
GIVE THAT
TO HER...

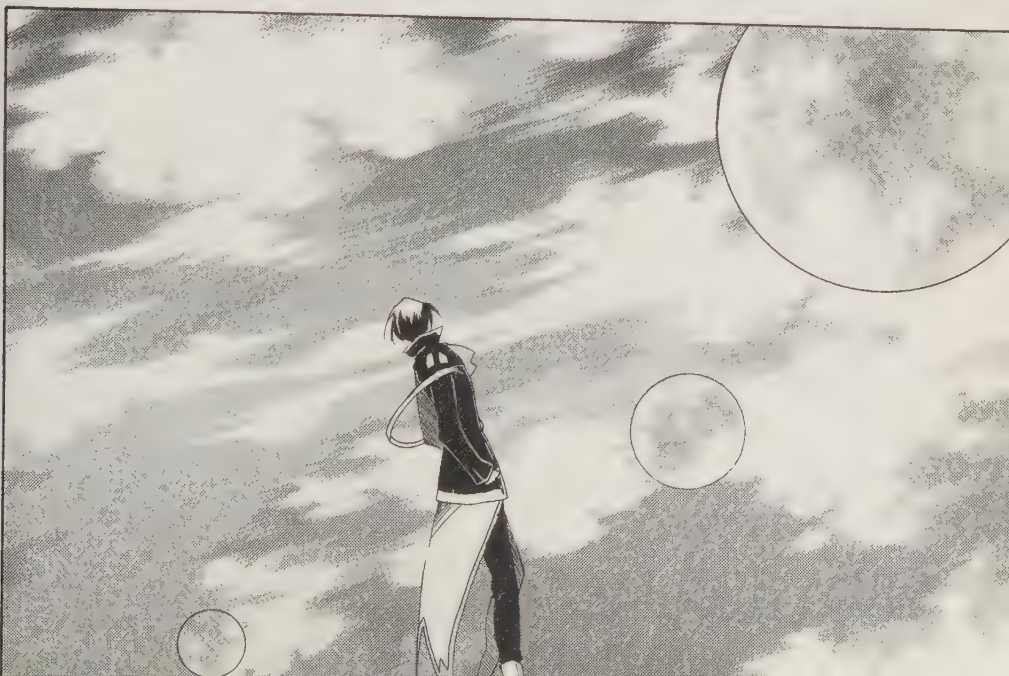
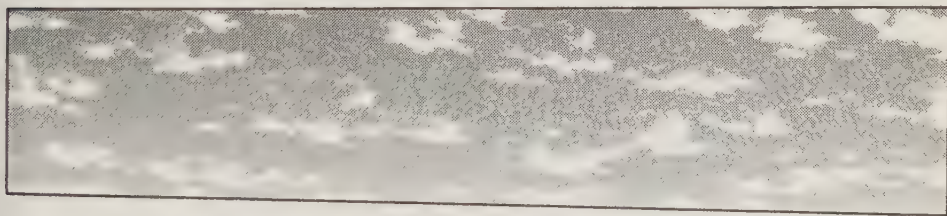
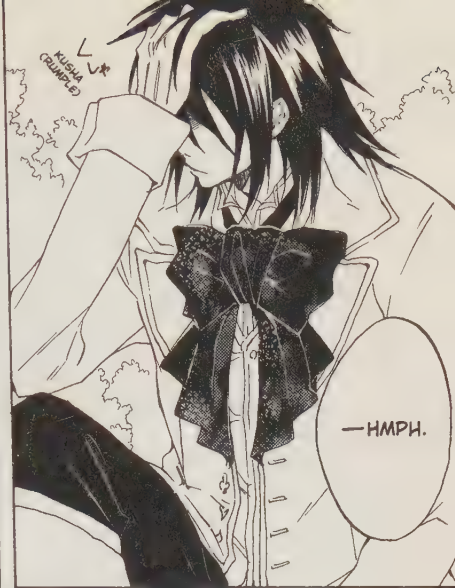
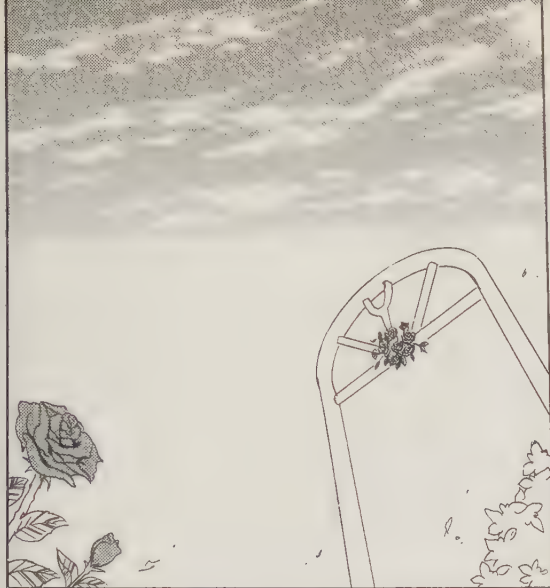












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KOTSU
(STEP)

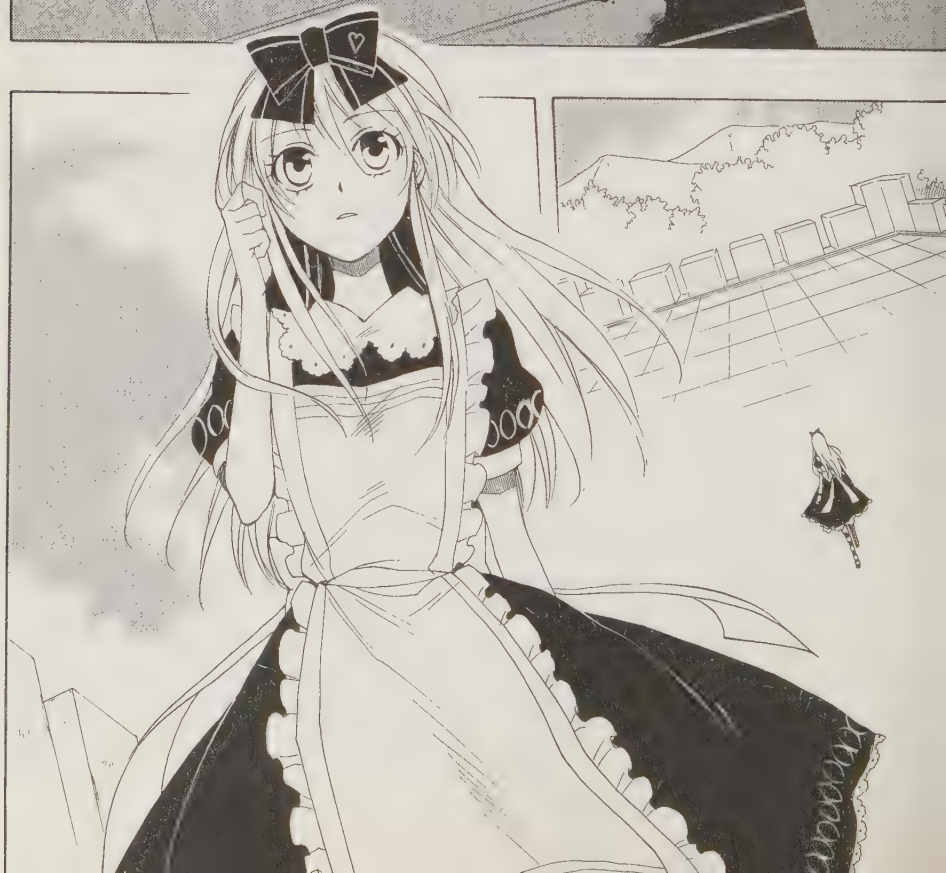
YOU
ALWAYS
WAKE UP
FROM
YOUR
DREAMS...

꺄
KOTSU

...WHETHER
IT'S A GOOD
ONE OR A
BAD ONE...

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KOTSU

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KOTSU

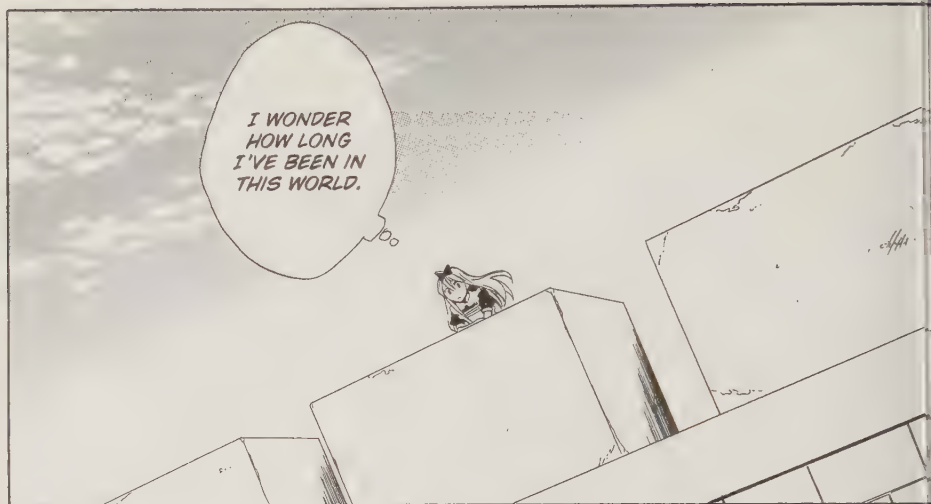


...WHAT
SORT OF
OUTCOME
WILL
RESULT...

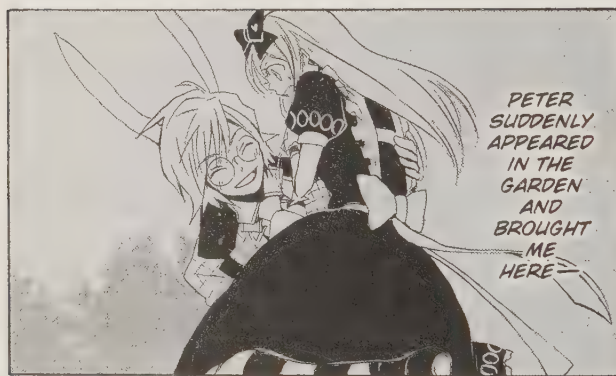
...FROM
THE "TIME"
YOU'VE SPENT
HERE—?

NOW,
ALICE...

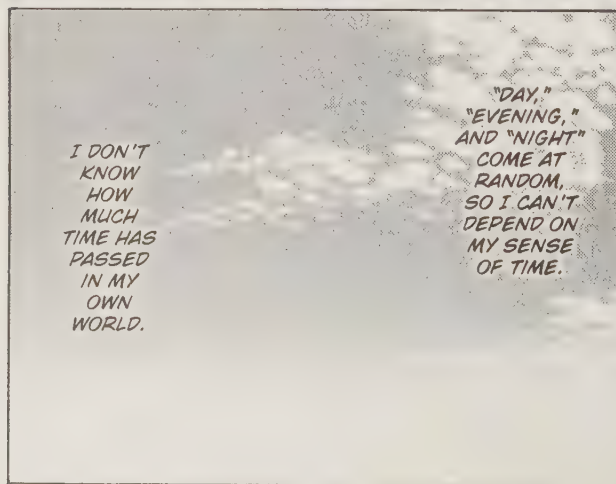




I WONDER
HOW LONG
I'VE BEEN IN
THIS WORLD.



PETER
SUDDENLY
APPEARED
IN THE
GARDEN
AND
BROUGHT
ME
HERE



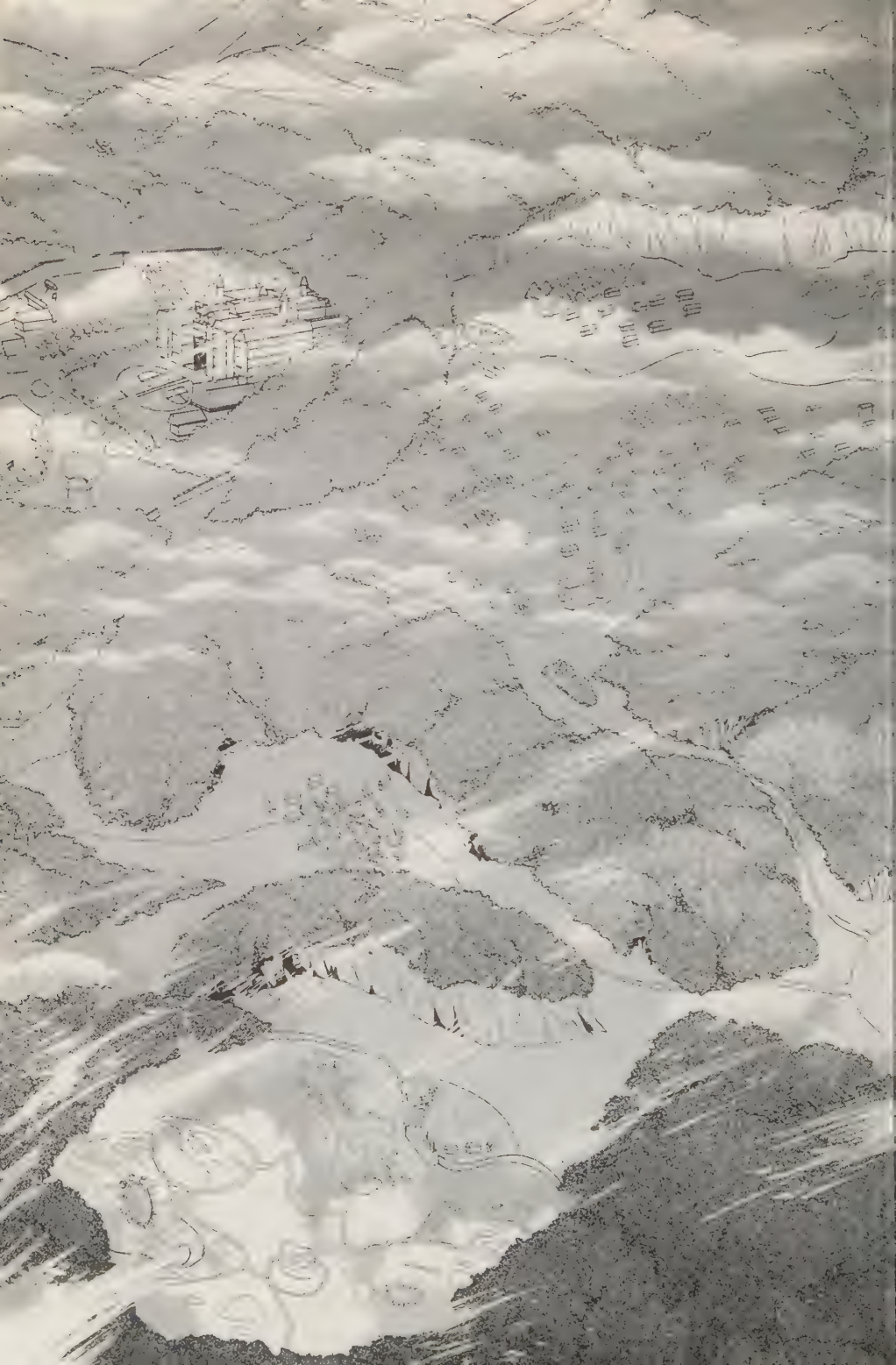
I DON'T
KNOW
HOW
MUCH
TIME HAS
PASSED
IN MY
OWN
WORLD.

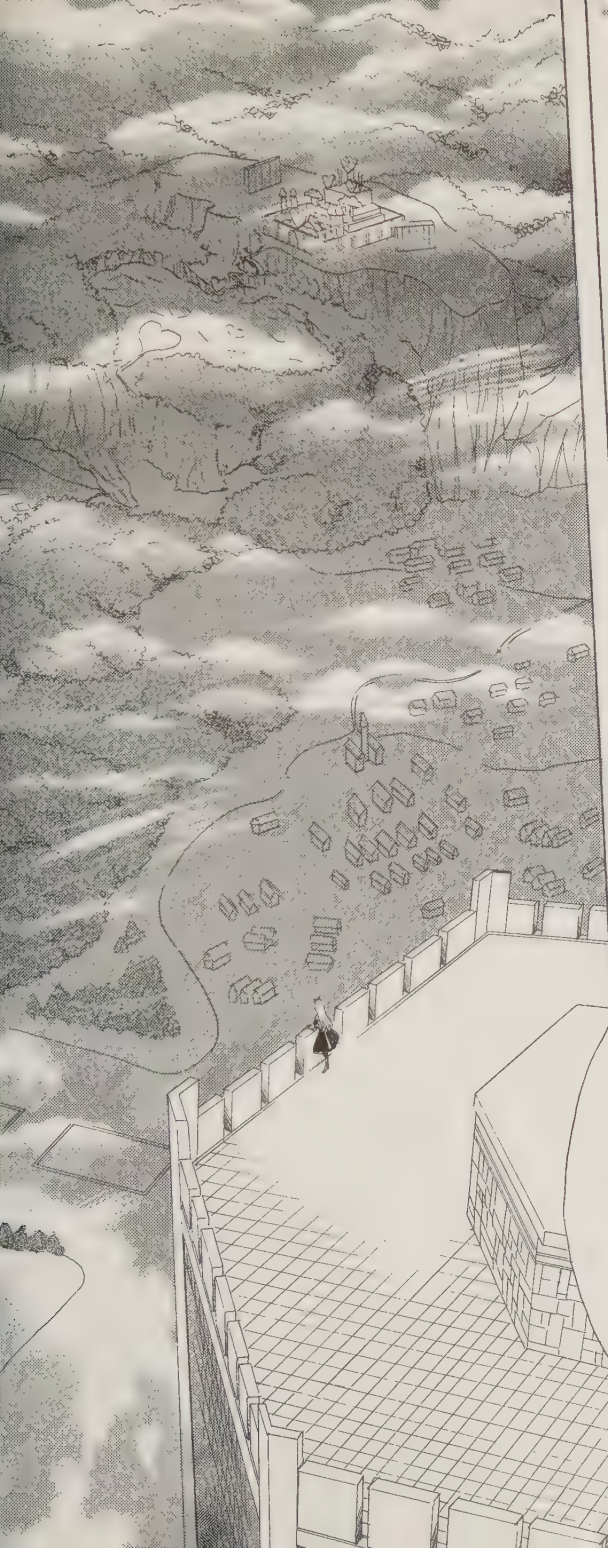
"DAY,"
"EVENING,"
AND "NIGHT"
COME AT
RANDOM,
SO I CAN'T
DEPEND ON
MY SENSE
OF TIME.



IT SEEMS
LIKE IT'S
BEEN QUITE
A WHILE...





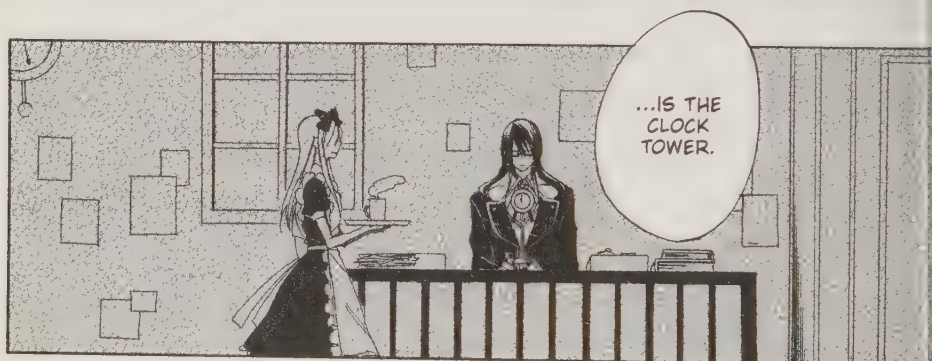


THE
COUNTRY OF
HEARTS...

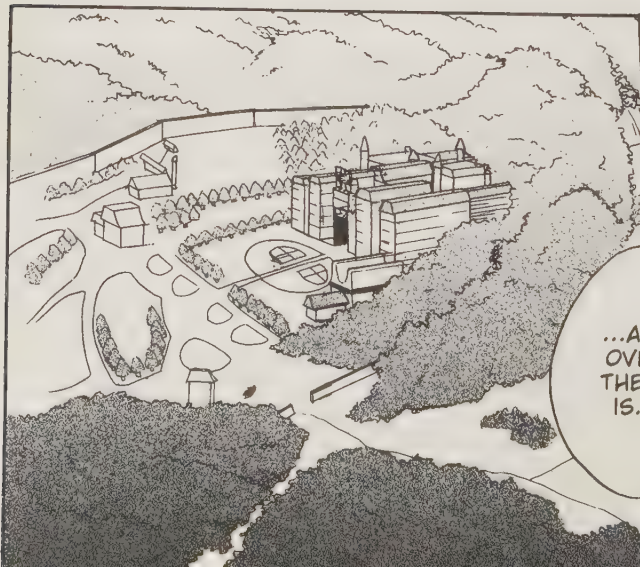




AND
THIS...



...IS THE
CLOCK
TOWER.

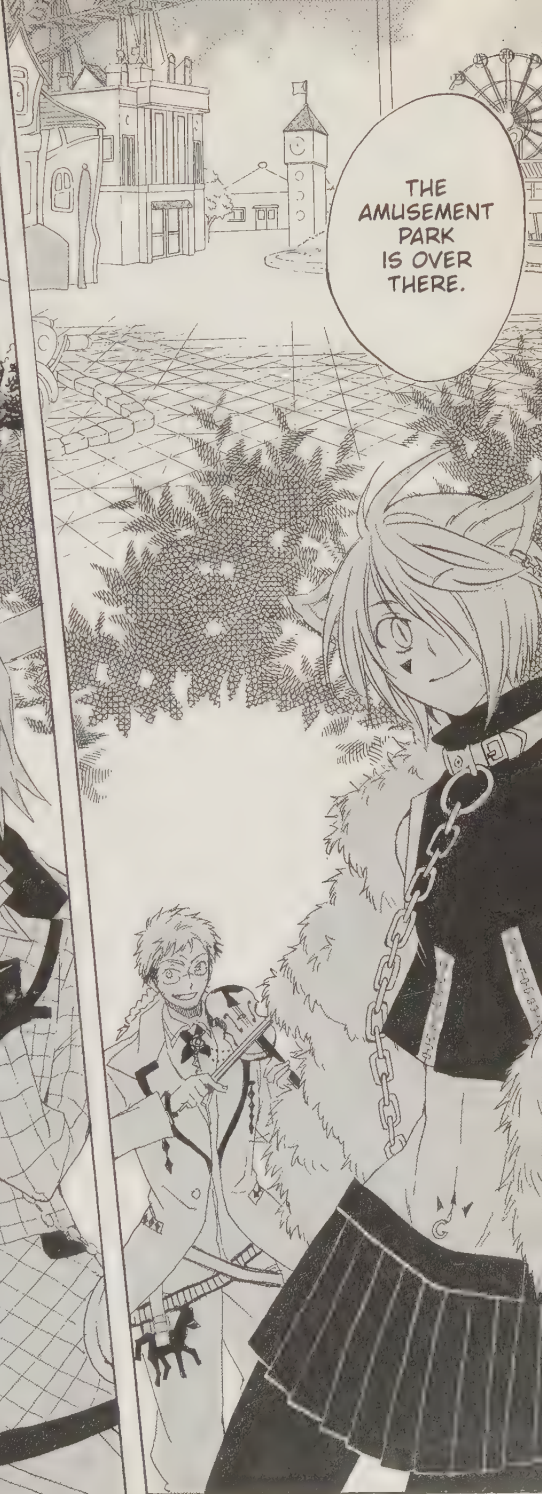


...AND
OVER
THERE
IS...



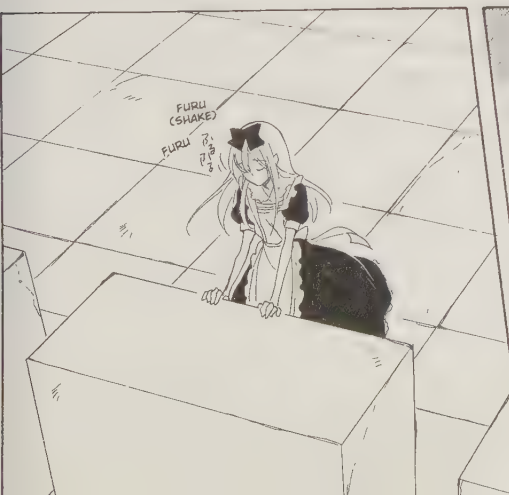
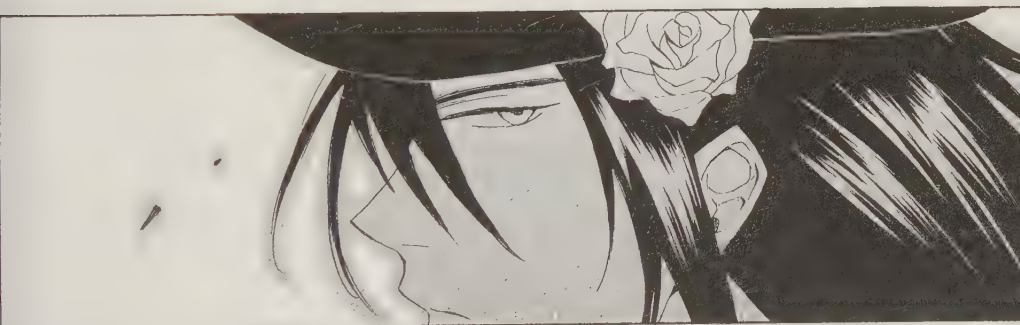


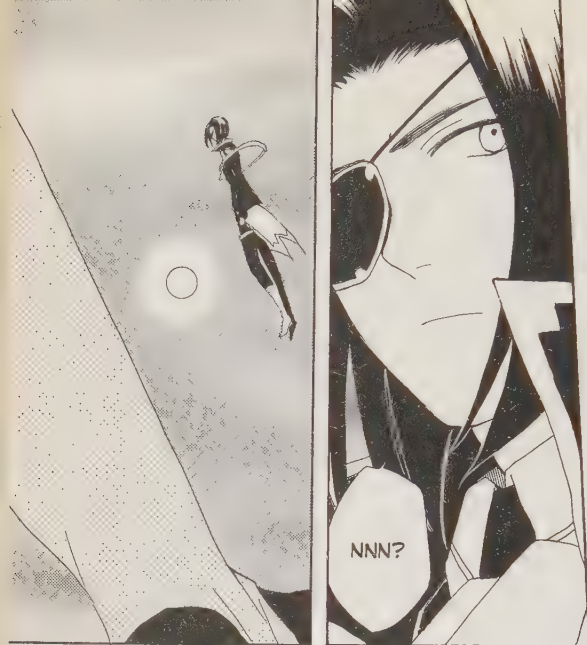
HEART
CASTLE IS
THAT WAY.



THE
AMUSEMENT
PARK
IS OVER
THERE.



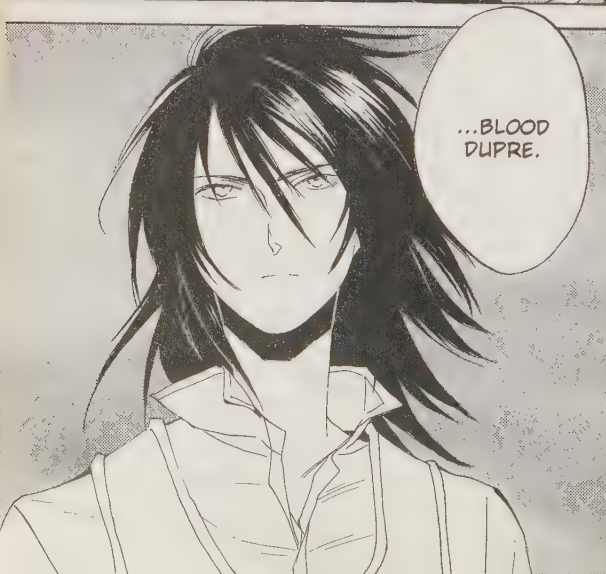




NNN?



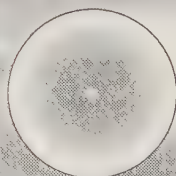
SO
YOU DID
COME...



...BLOOD
DUPRE.

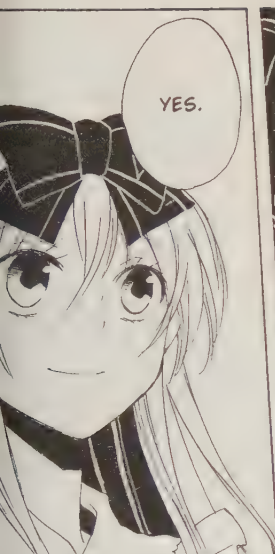


A
DREAM...



YES.

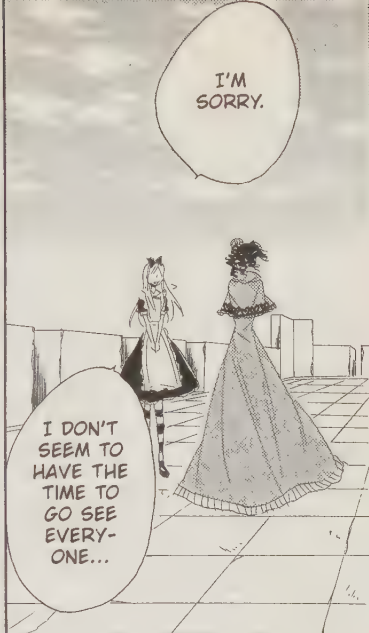
THIS
IS A
DREAM.



YES.



SO YOU
REALLY
ARE
RETURNING
TO YOUR
WORLD.

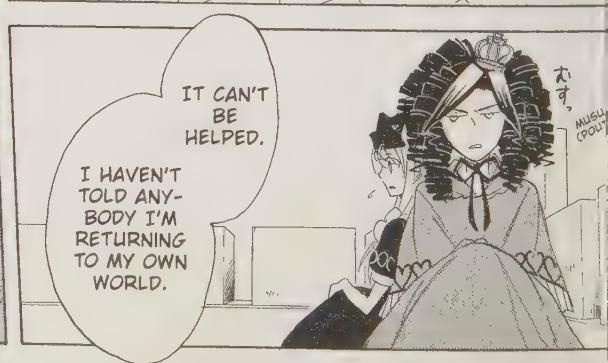
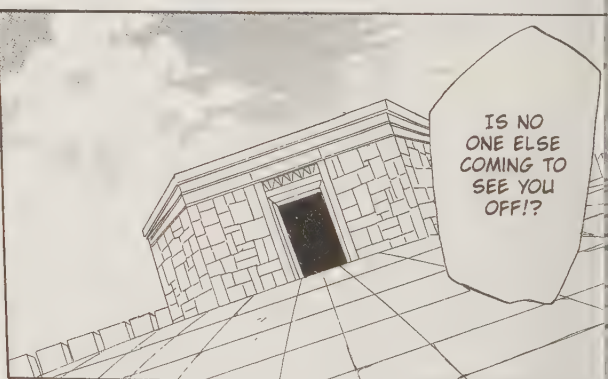
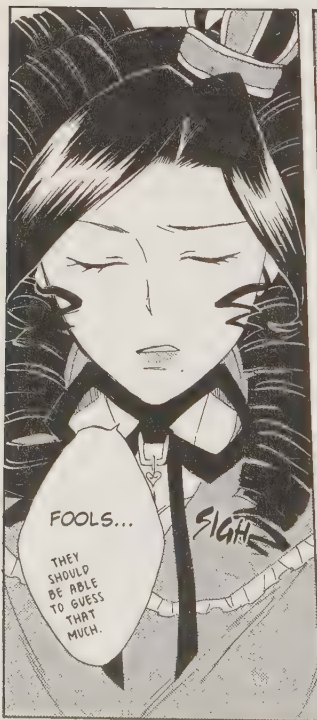
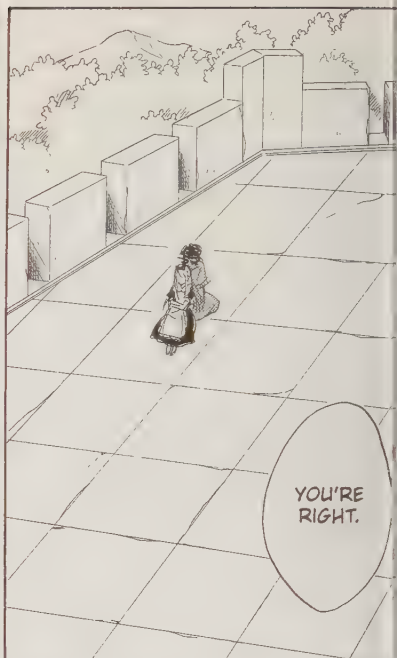


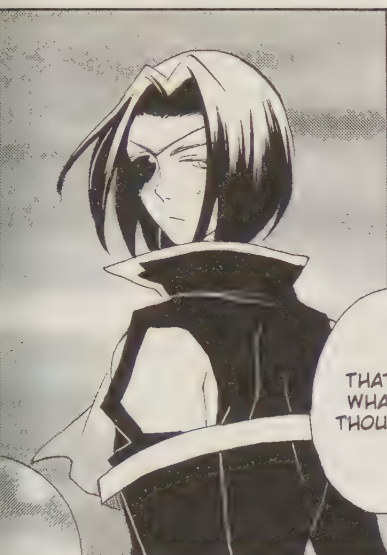
I'M
SORRY.

I DON'T
SEEM TO
HAVE THE
TIME TO
GO SEE
EVERY-
ONE...



BECAUSE
THIS IS A
DREAM.



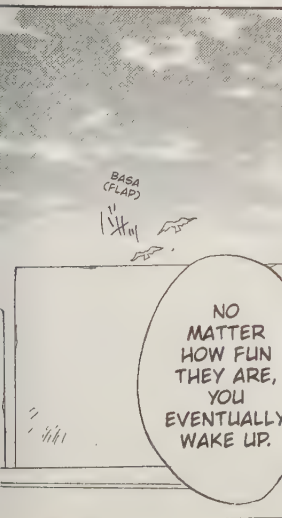


THAT IS
WHAT I
THOUGHT.

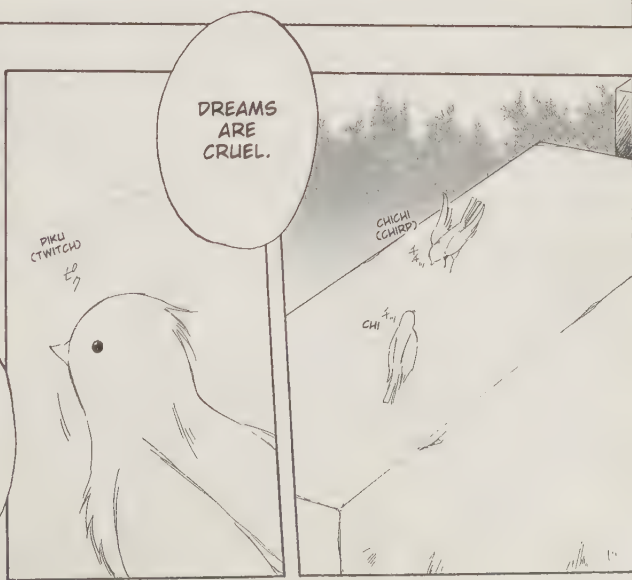


HEH

DREAMS
SHOULD
NOT
EXIST.



NO
MATTER
HOW FUN
THEY ARE,
YOU
EVENTUALLY
WAKE UP.

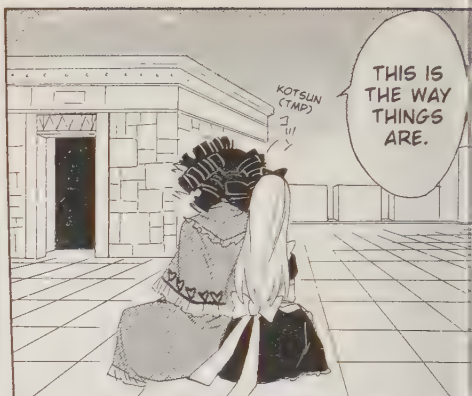


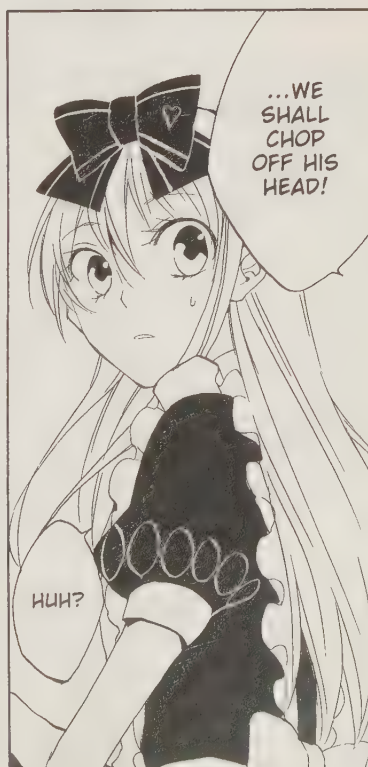
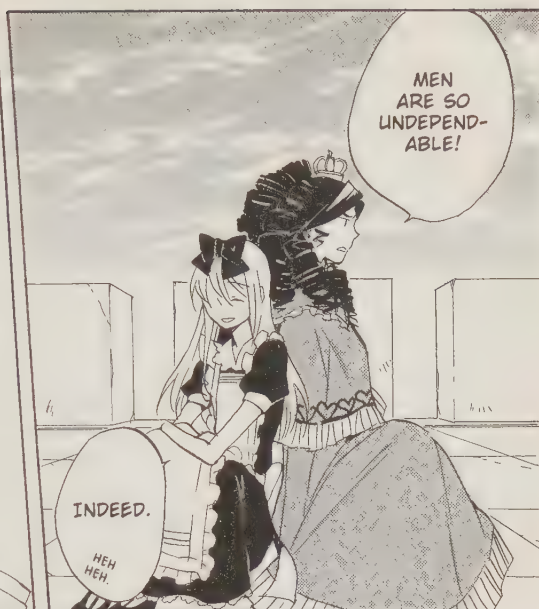
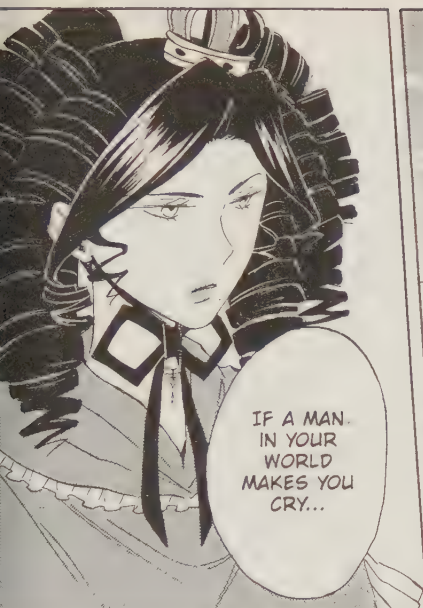
DREAMS
ARE
CRUEL.

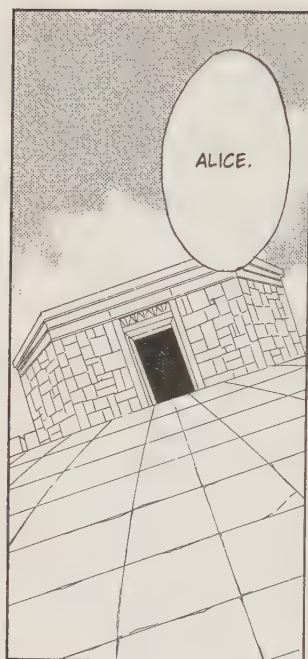
PIKU
(TWITCHED)

CHICHU
(CHIRPED)

CHI



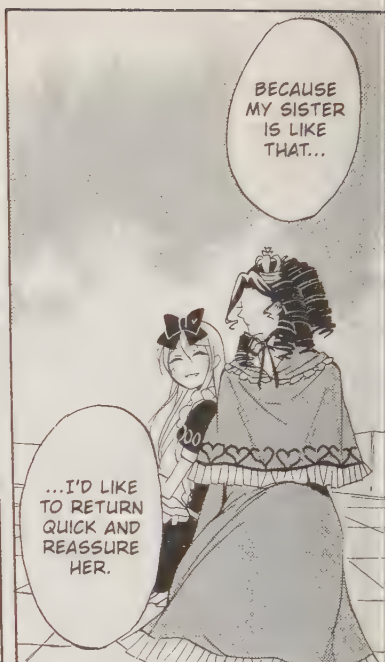




ALICE.



...



BECAUSE
MY SISTER
IS LIKE
THAT...

...I'D LIKE
TO RETURN
QUICK AND
REASSURE
HER.



.....



NO.

NOTHING.



YOUR
SISTER—

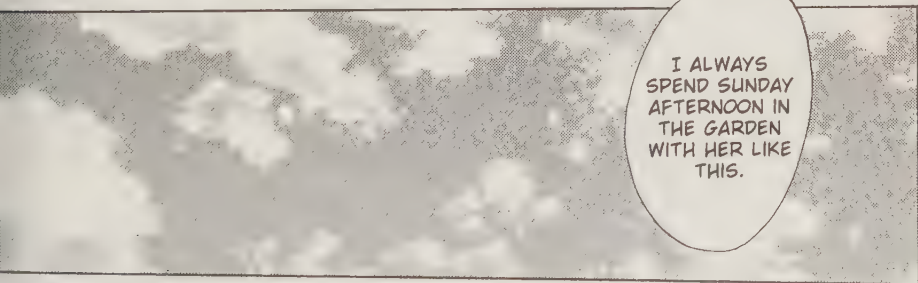
?



YOU'RE
LIKE MY
OLDER
SISTER,
VIVALDI.



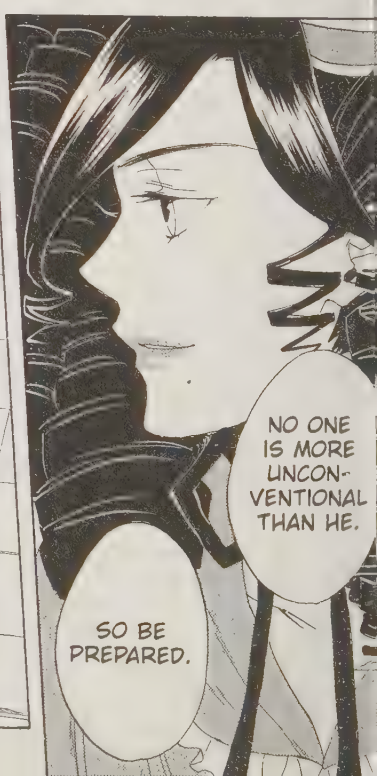
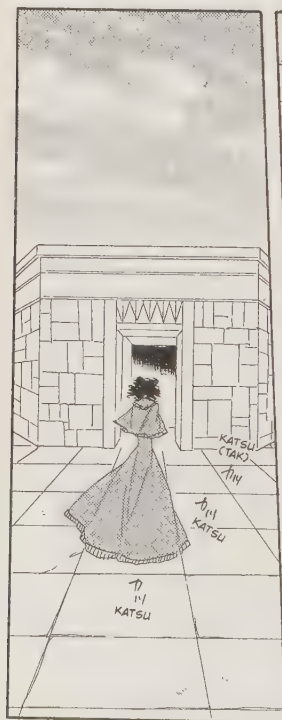
I ALWAYS
SPEND SUNDAY
AFTERNOON IN
THE GARDEN
WITH HER LIKE
THIS.

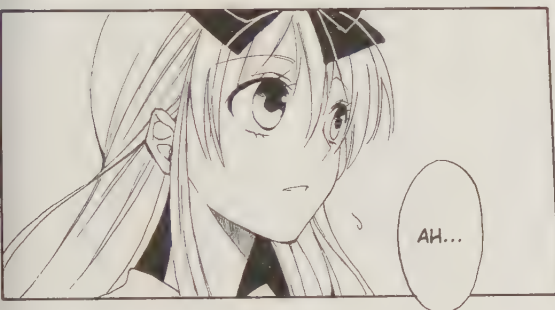
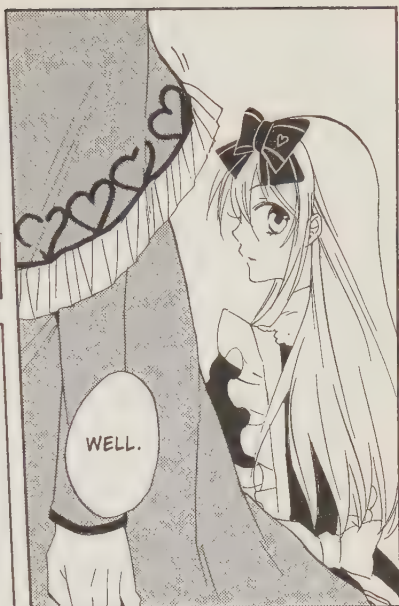
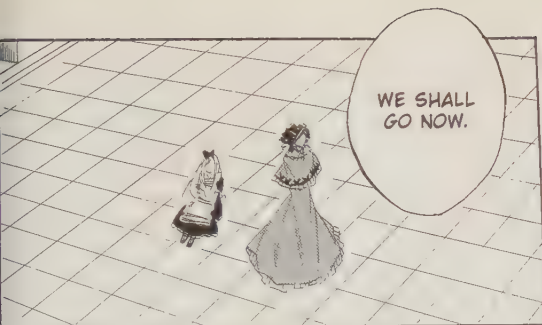


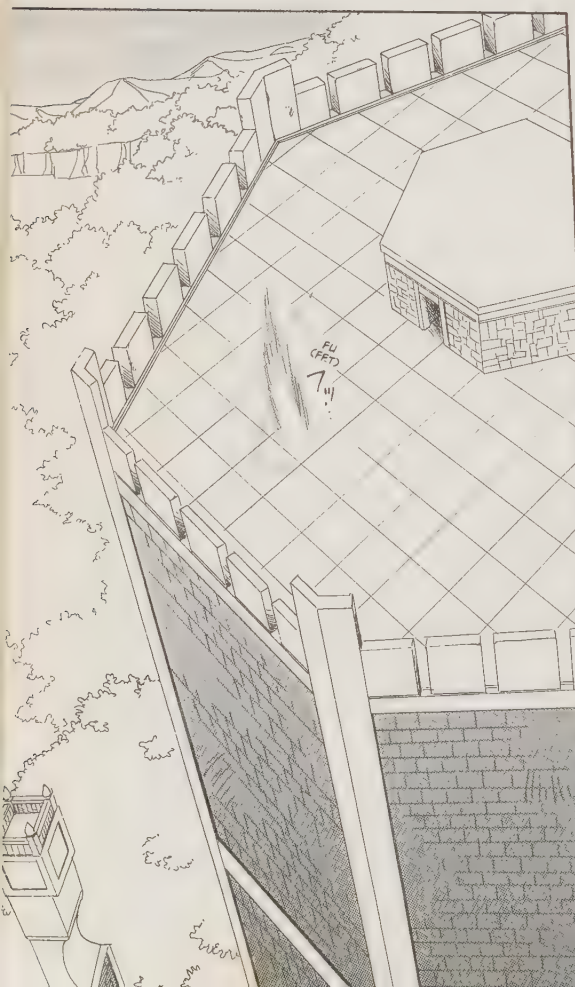
SHE
WORRIED
ABOUT
ME MORE
THAN SHE
WORRIED
ABOUT
HERSELF.

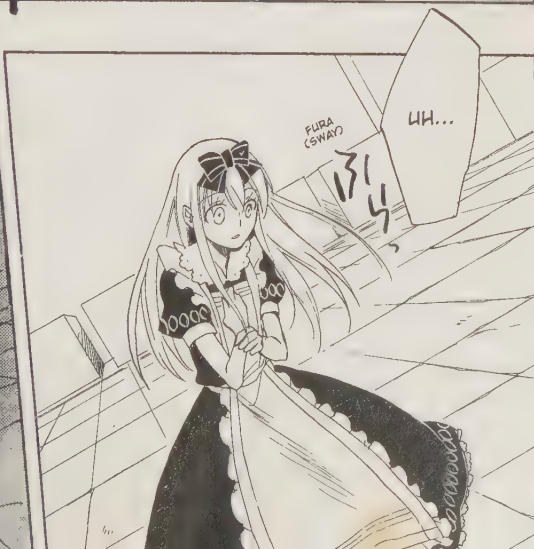
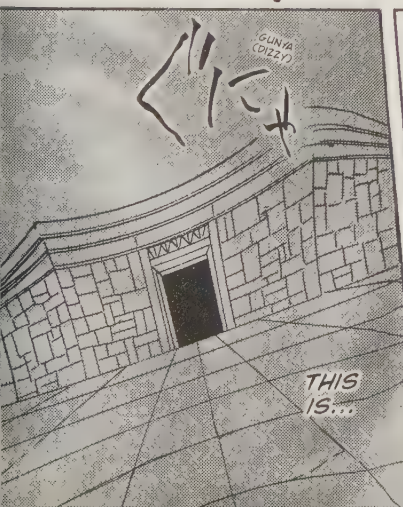
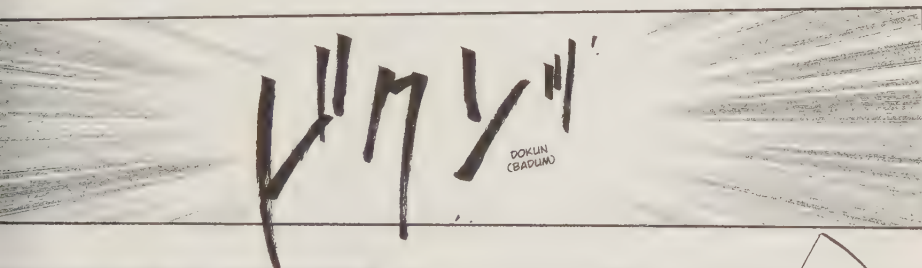
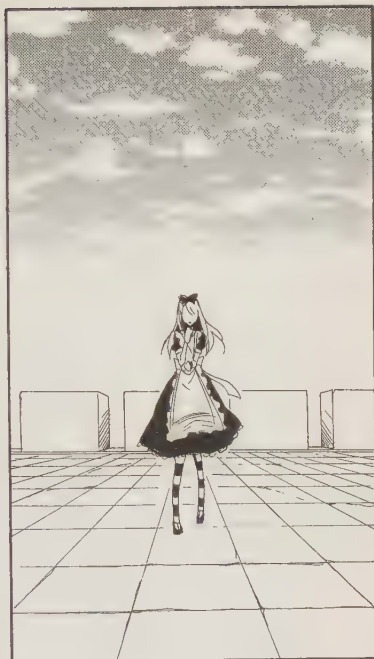
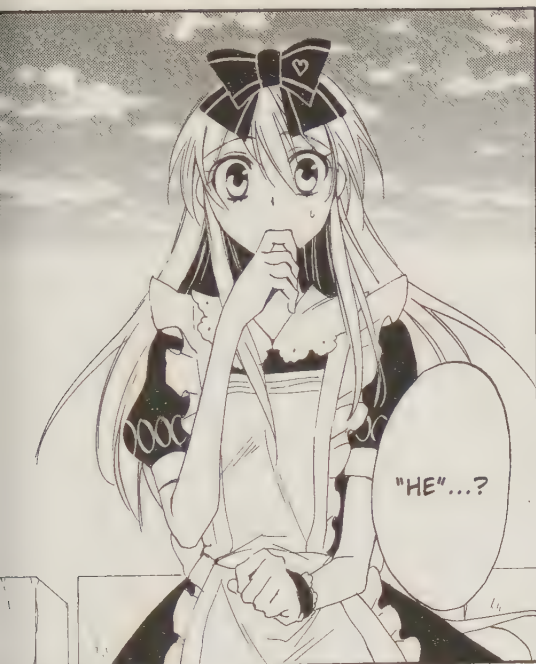
SHE WAS
ALWAYS
WORRIED
ABOUT
ME.



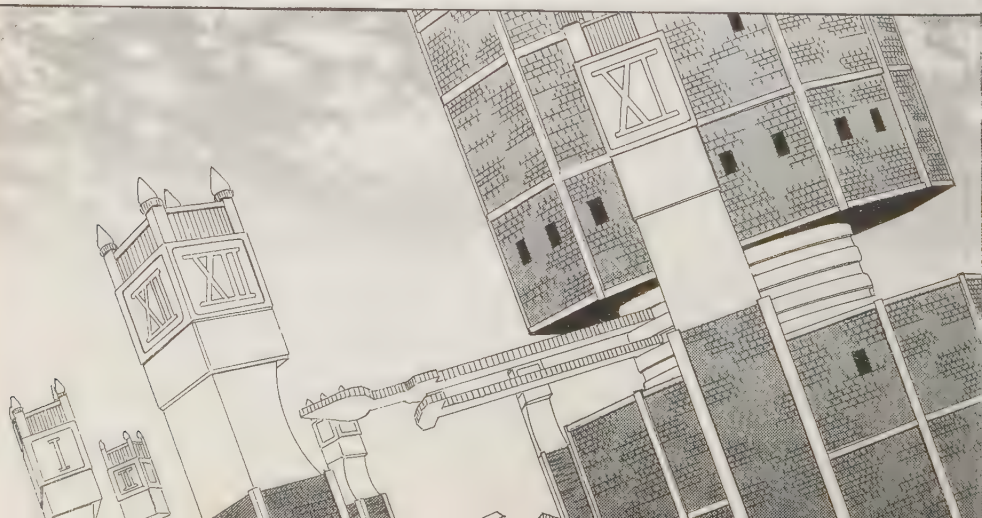


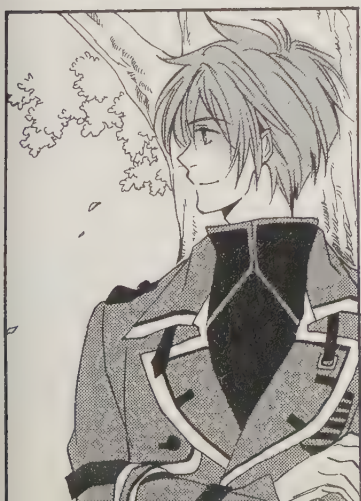
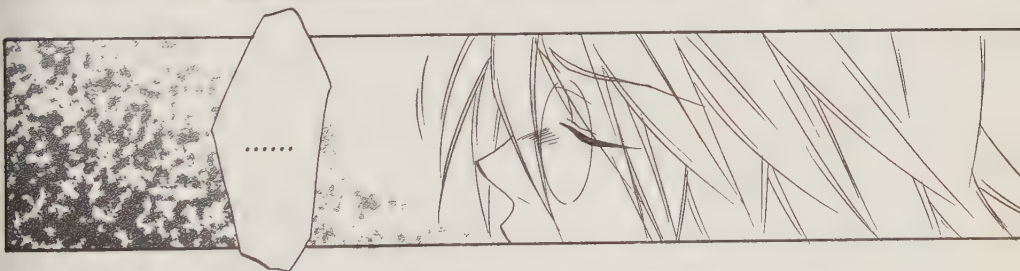
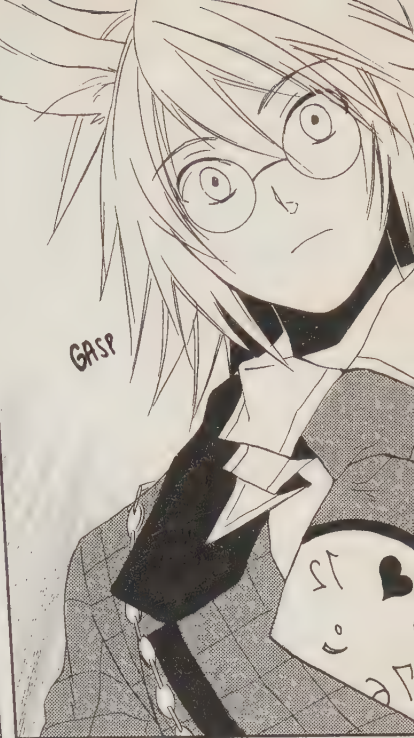


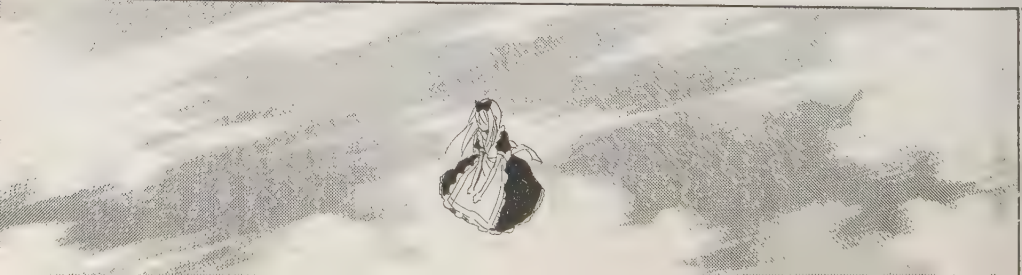
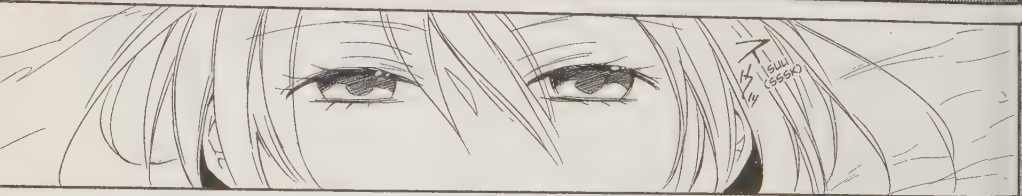
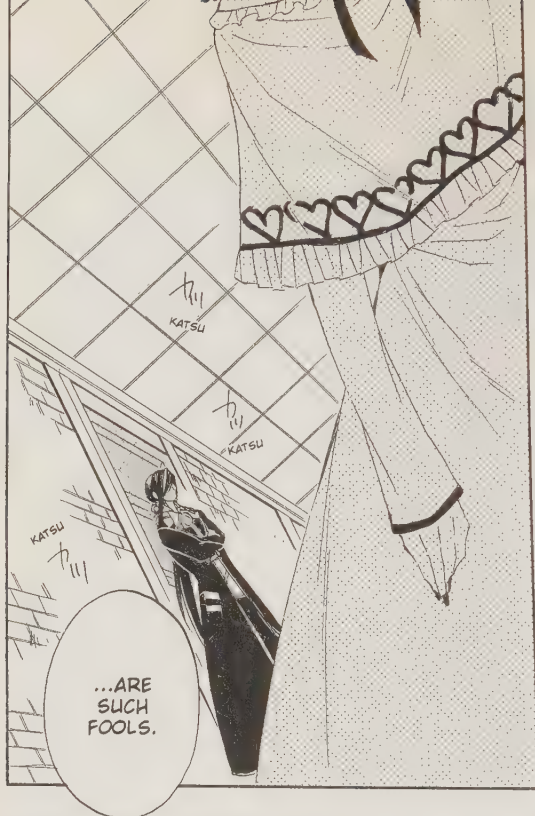


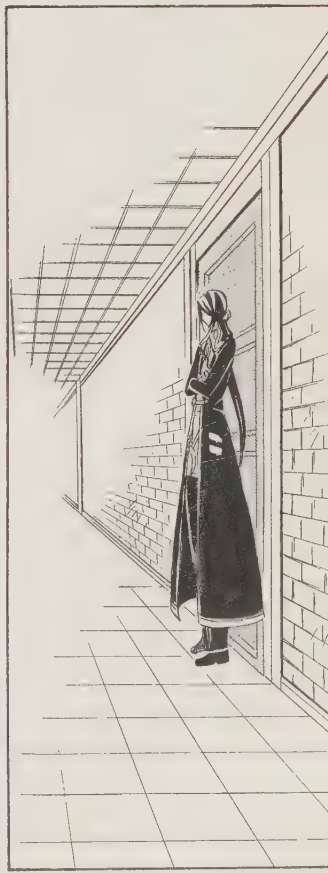
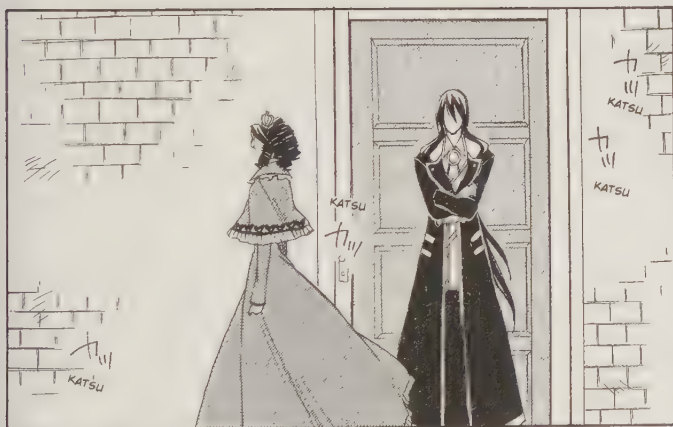


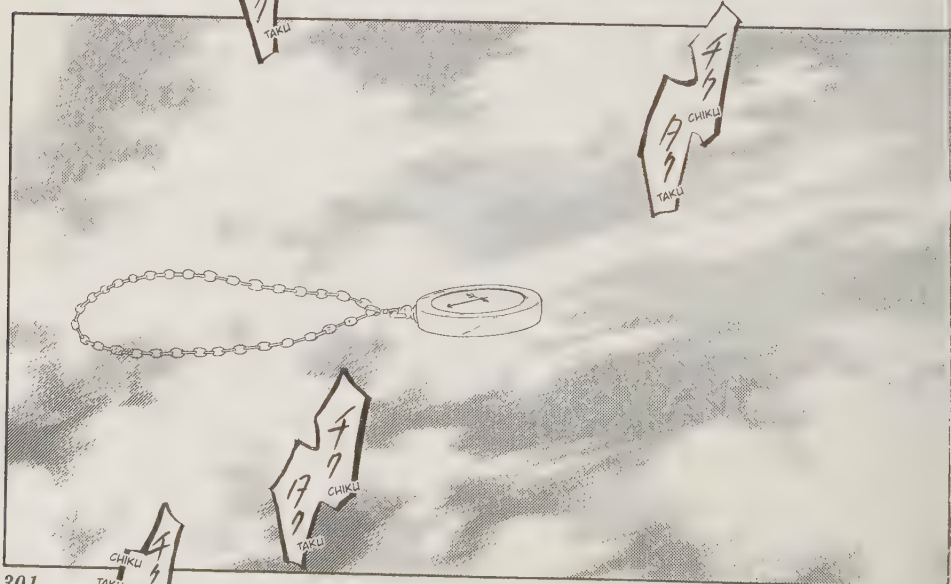
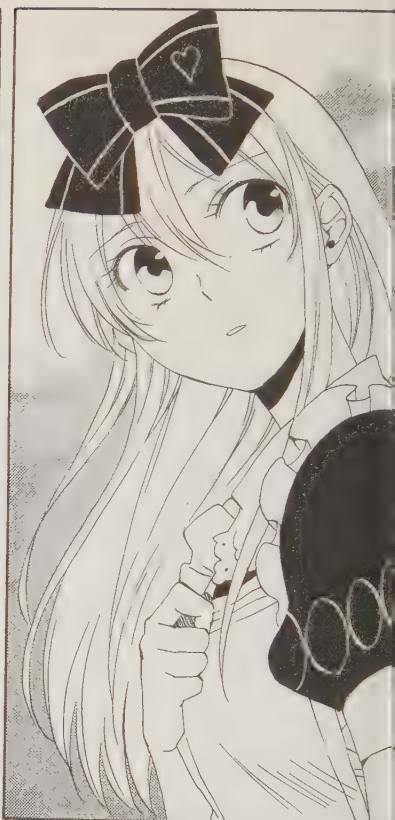
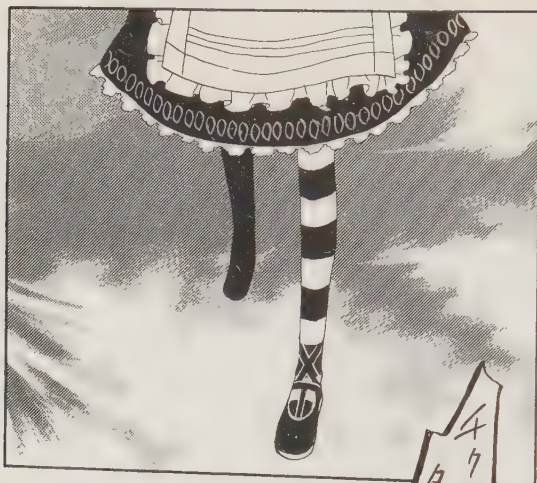
ALICE.

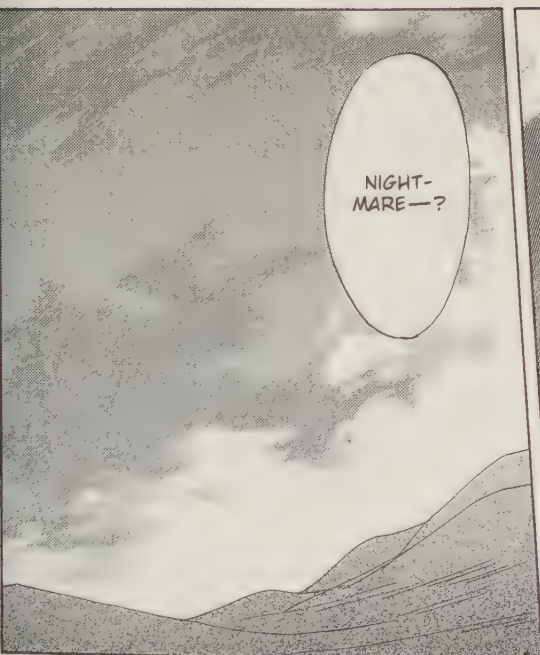








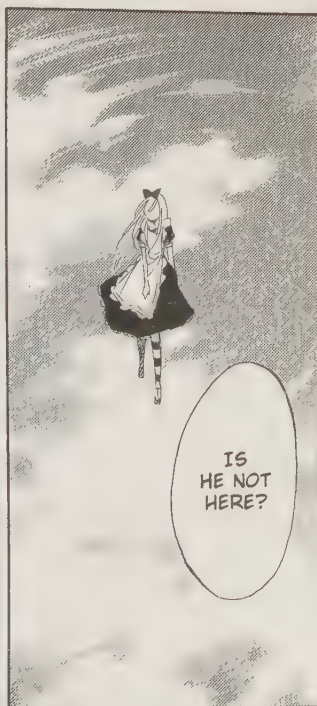
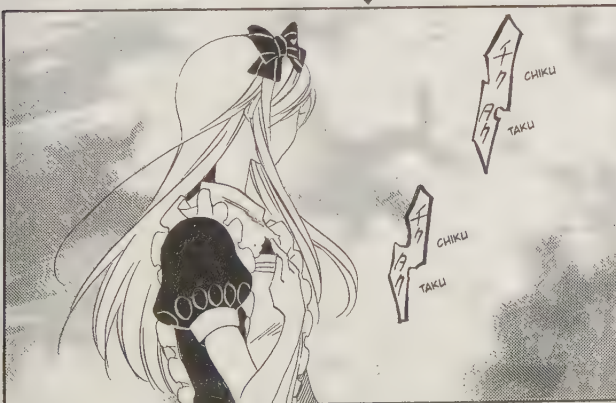




NIGHT-
MARE—?



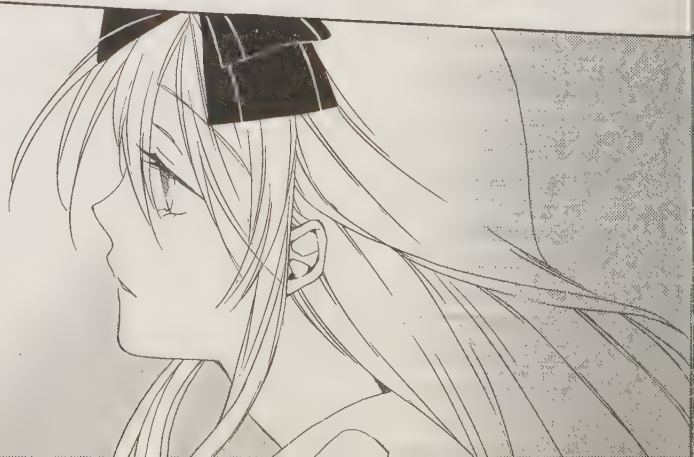
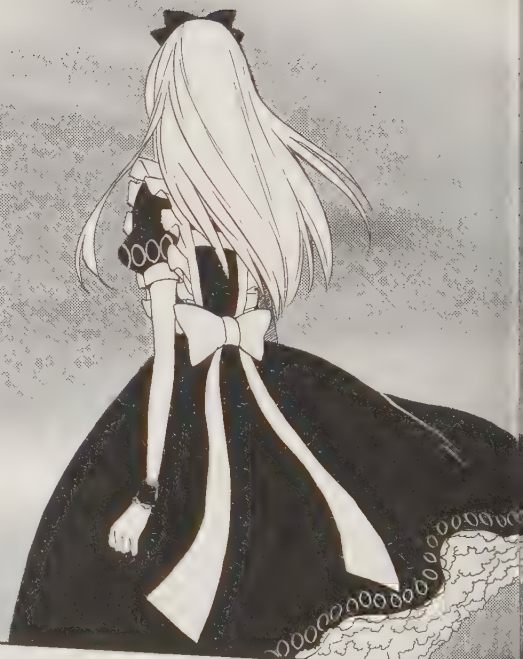
THIS
PLACE
IS...

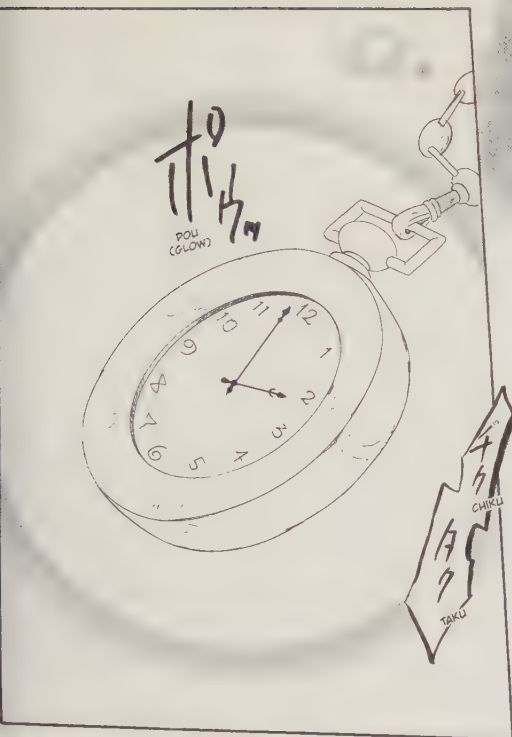


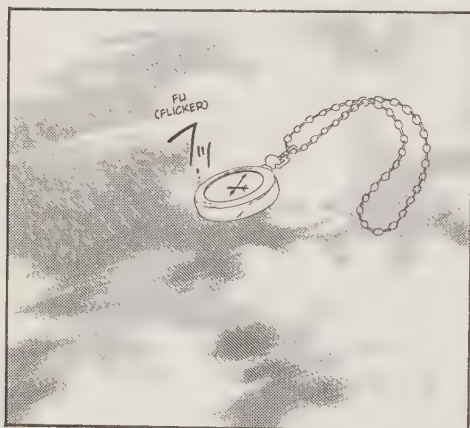
IS
HE NOT
HERE?

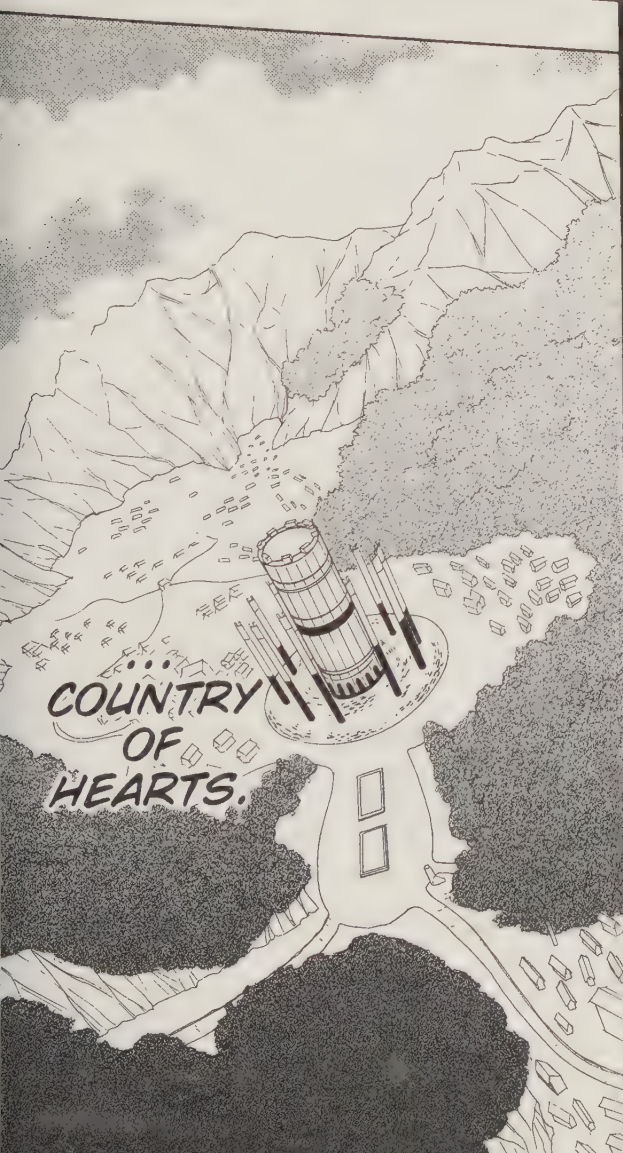
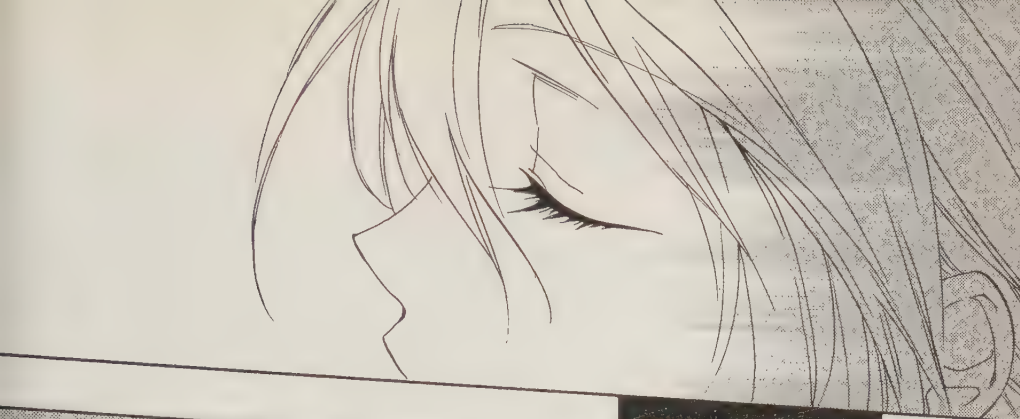


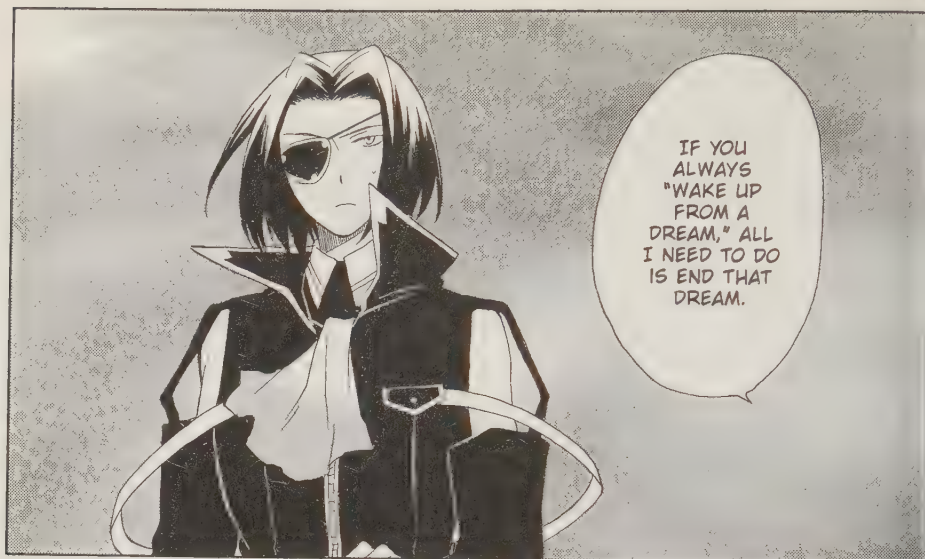
*I MUST
RETURN.*









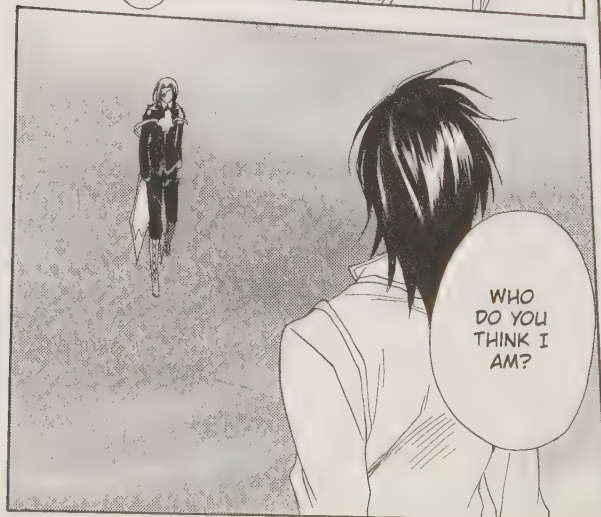


IF YOU
ALWAYS
"WAKE UP
FROM A
DREAM," ALL
I NEED TO DO
IS END THAT
DREAM.

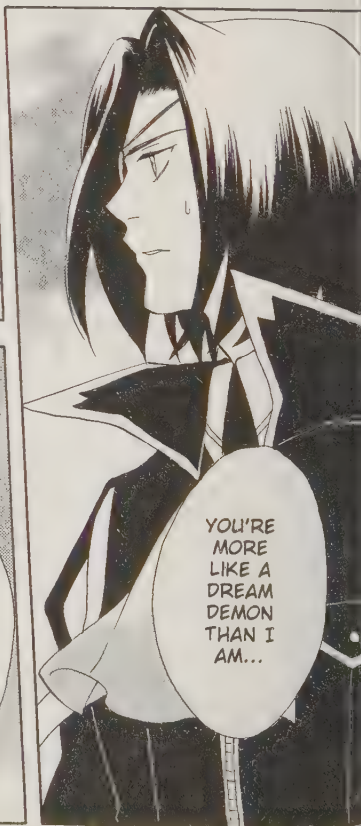


HMPH.

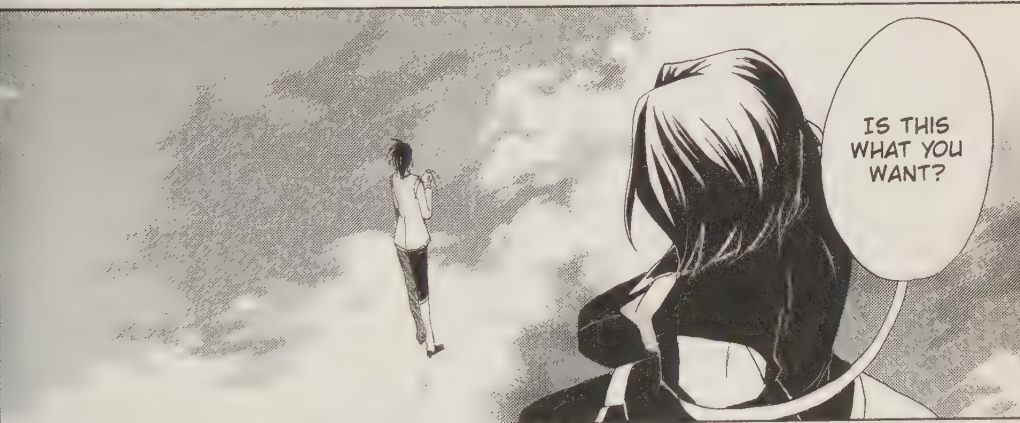
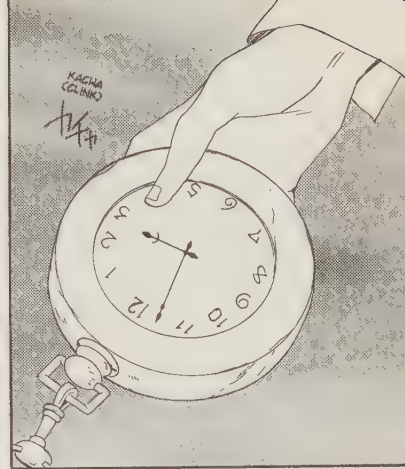
...
HATTER.

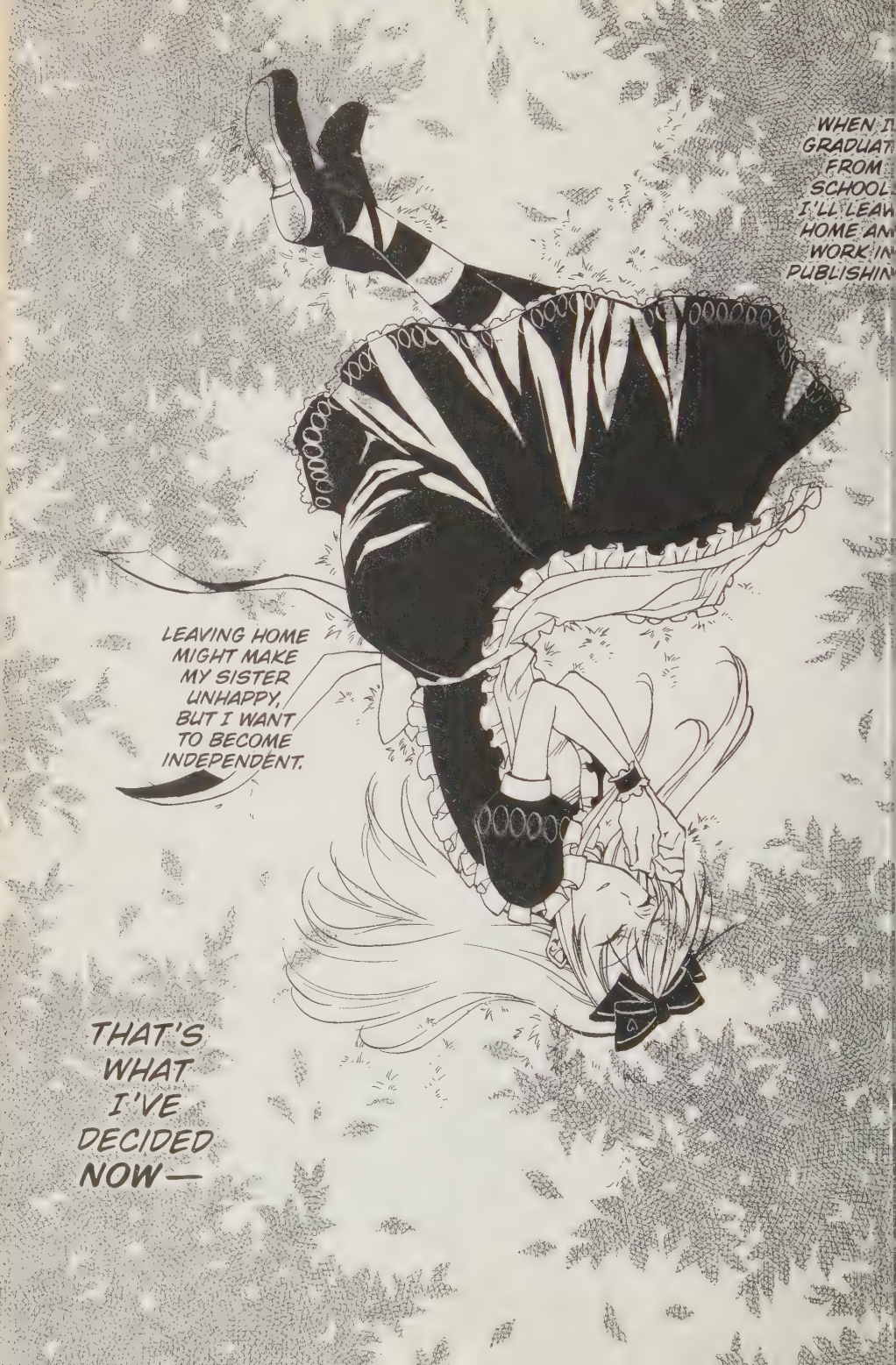


WHO
DO YOU
THINK I
AM?



YOU'RE
MORE
LIKE A
DREAM
DEMON
THAN I
AM...

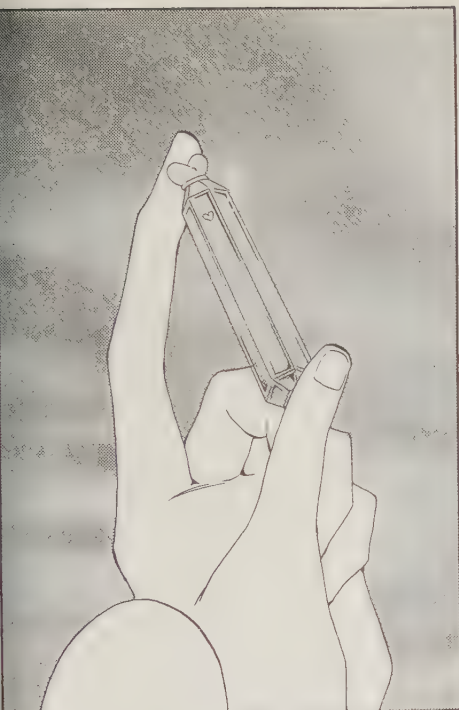




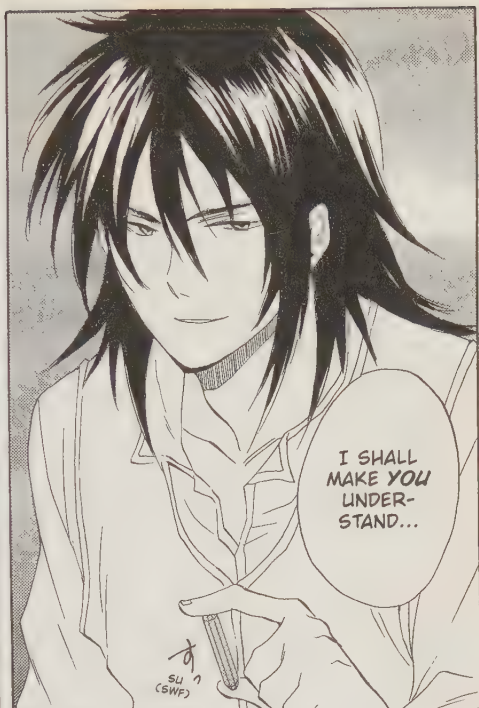
WHEN I
GRADUATE
FROM
SCHOOL
I'LL LEAVE
HOME AND
WORK IN
PUBLISHING.

LEAVING HOME
MIGHT MAKE
MY SISTER
UNHAPPY,
BUT I WANT
TO BECOME
INDEPENDENT.

THAT'S
WHAT
I'VE
DECIDED
NOW —

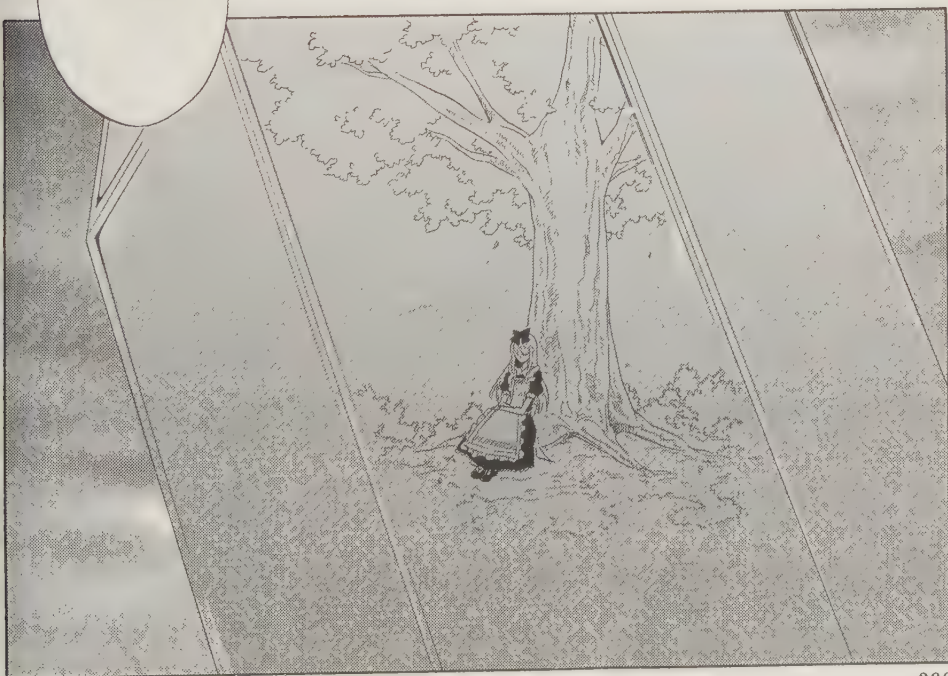


...TOO.



I SHALL
MAKE YOU
UNDER-
STAND...

す
SU
(SWP)





BACK
THEN...

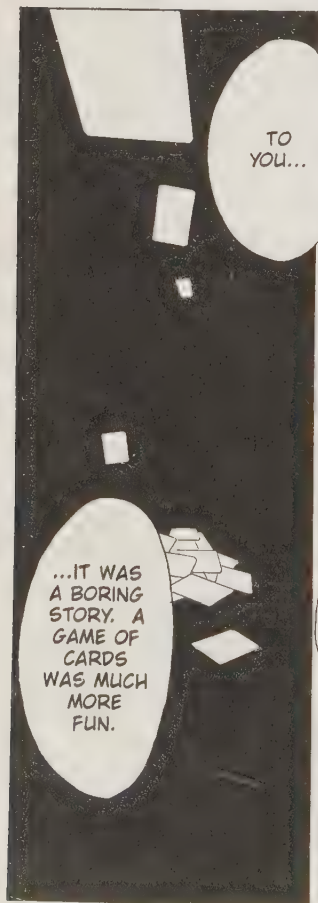
...YOU
DIDN'T EVEN
TRY TO FIND
OUT WHAT
HAPPENED
DURING THE
STORY.

THE
STORY..

...IS ABOUT
A GIRL WHO
FOLLOWS A
WHITE RABBIT
AND GETS
LOST IN A
WONDERLAND.

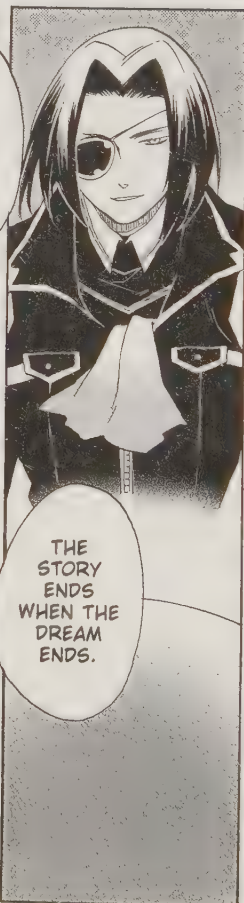


AND —



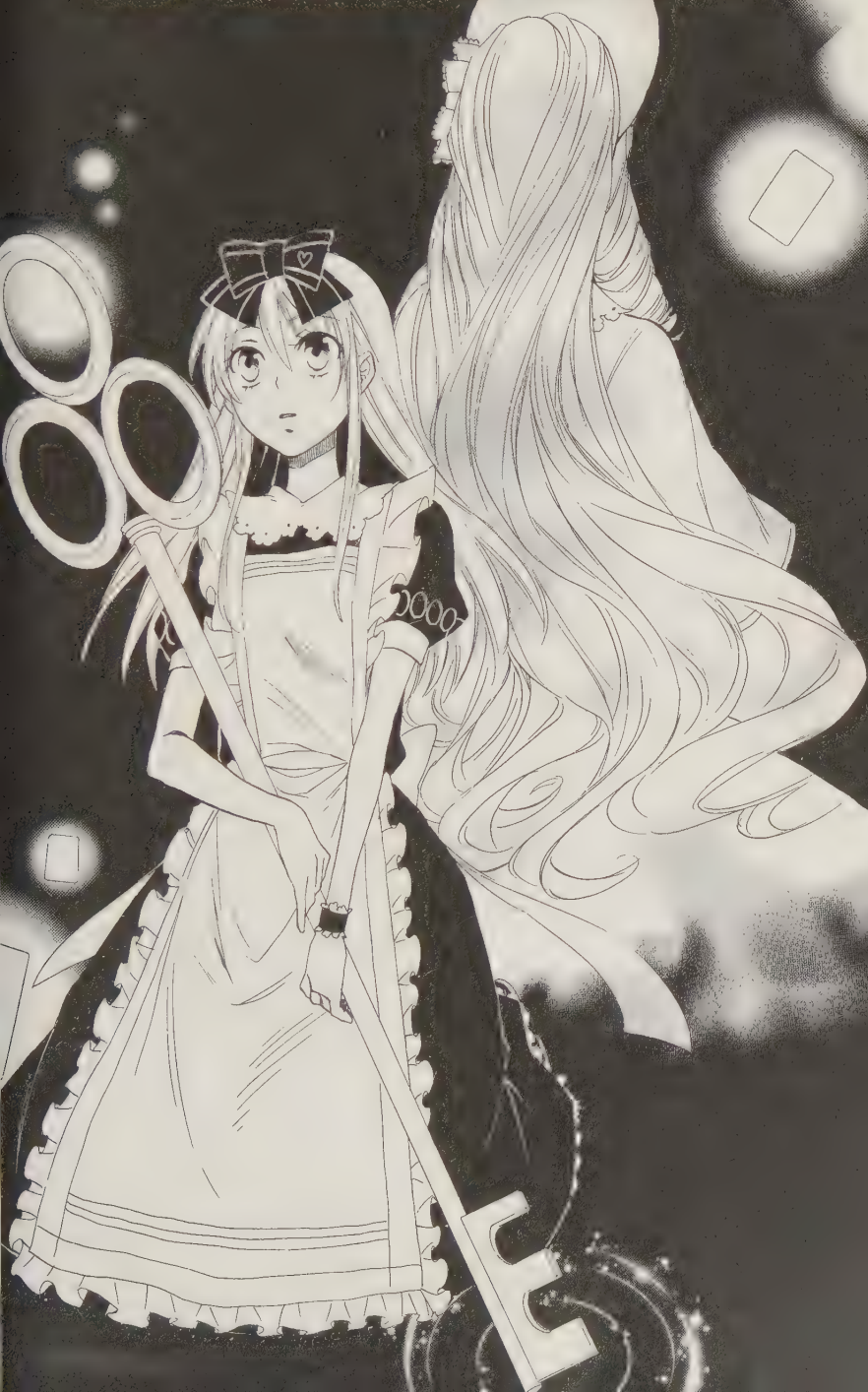
TO
YOU...

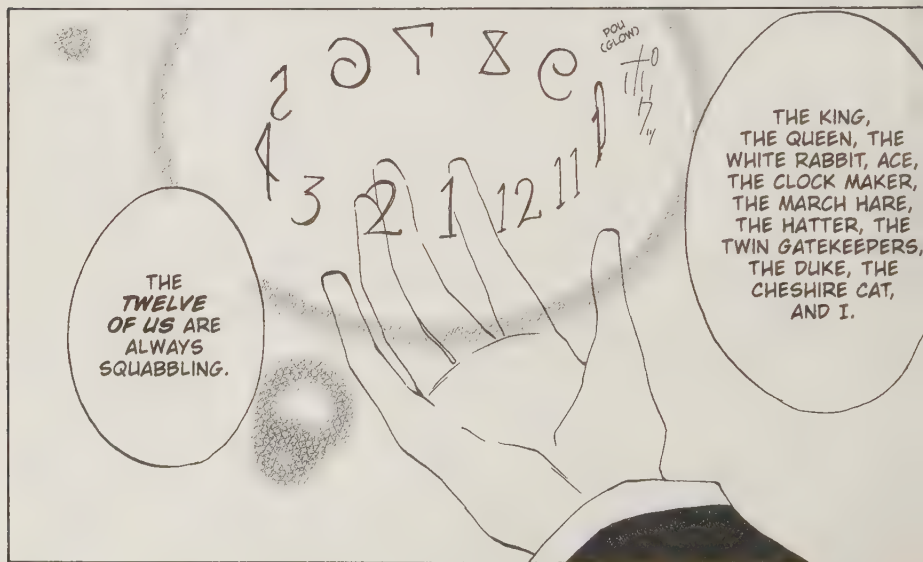
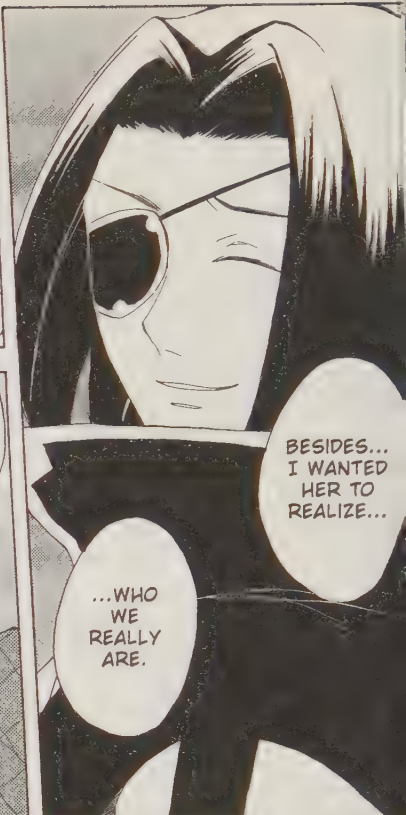
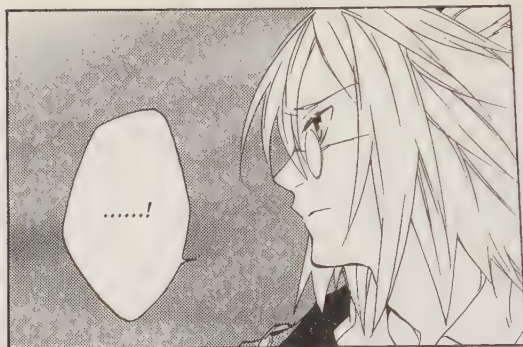
...IT WAS
A BORING
STORY. A
GAME OF
CARDS
WAS MUCH
MORE
FUN.

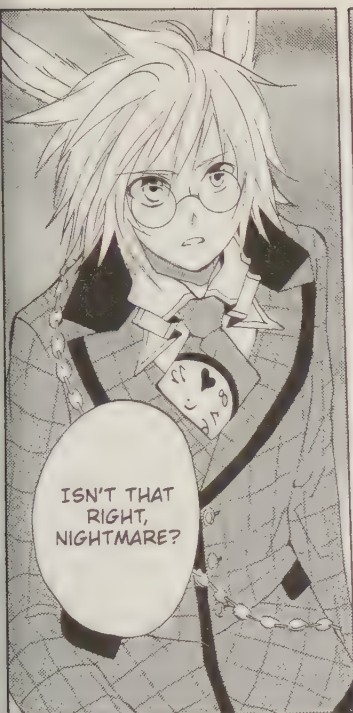


THE
STORY
ENDS
WHEN THE
DREAM
ENDS.

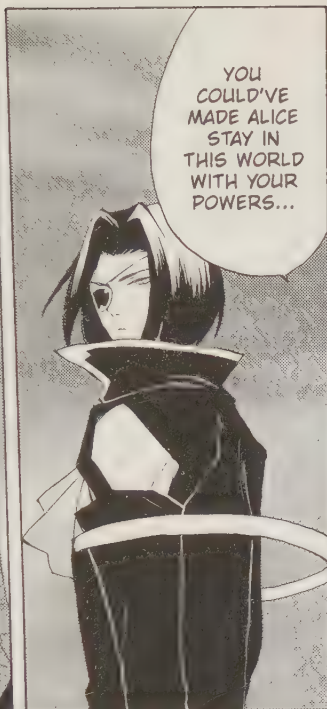
♡35 Wonderful Wonder World



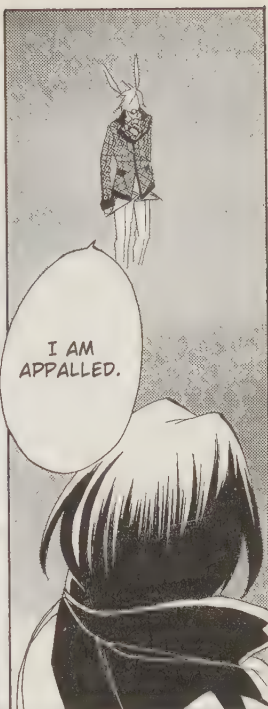




ISN'T THAT
RIGHT,
NIGHTMARE?



YOU
COULD'VE
MADE ALICE
STAY IN
THIS WORLD
WITH YOUR
POWERS...



I AM
APPALLED.



I WOULD
ONLY HAVE
NEEDED TO
MAKE ALICE
FORGET
EVERYTHING
ABOUT
HER OWN
WORLD.

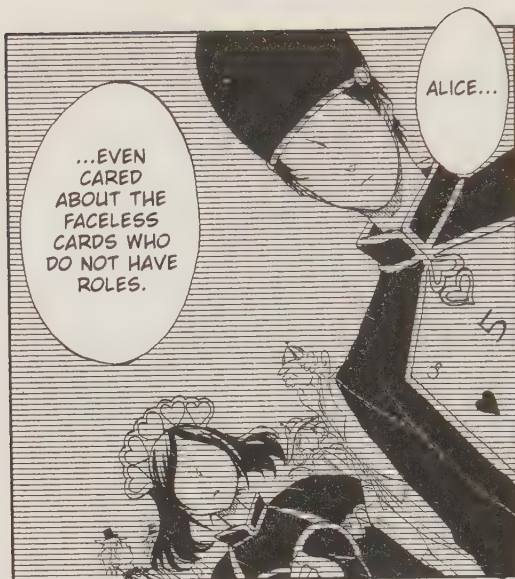
BUT
THAT IS
"AGAINST
THE RULES"
IN THIS
GAME.



OF
COURSE.

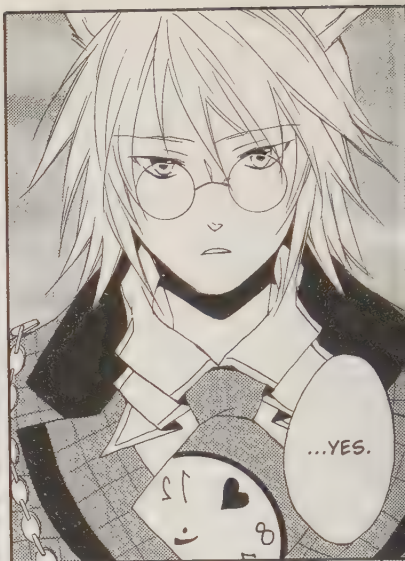
HEH

IT
WOULD'VE
BEEN
EASY.

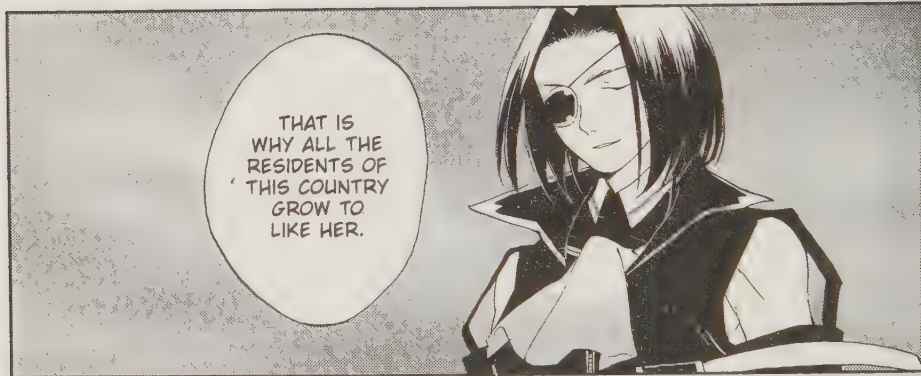


...EVEN
CARED
ABOUT THE
FACELESS
CARDS WHO
DO NOT HAVE
ROLES.

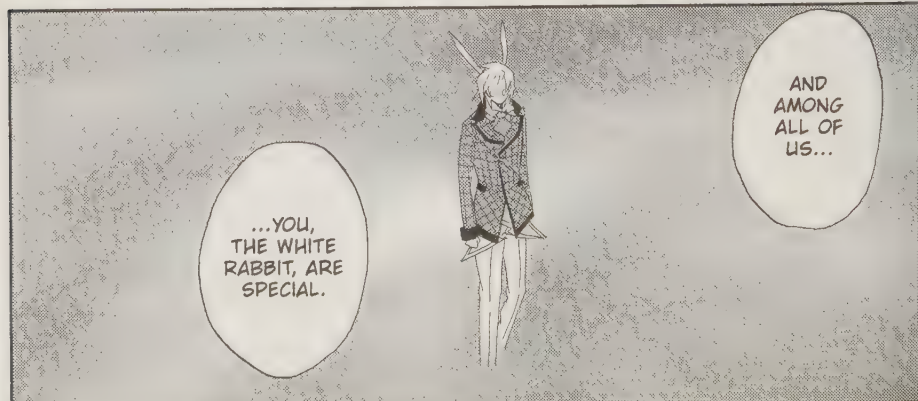
ALICE...



...YES.

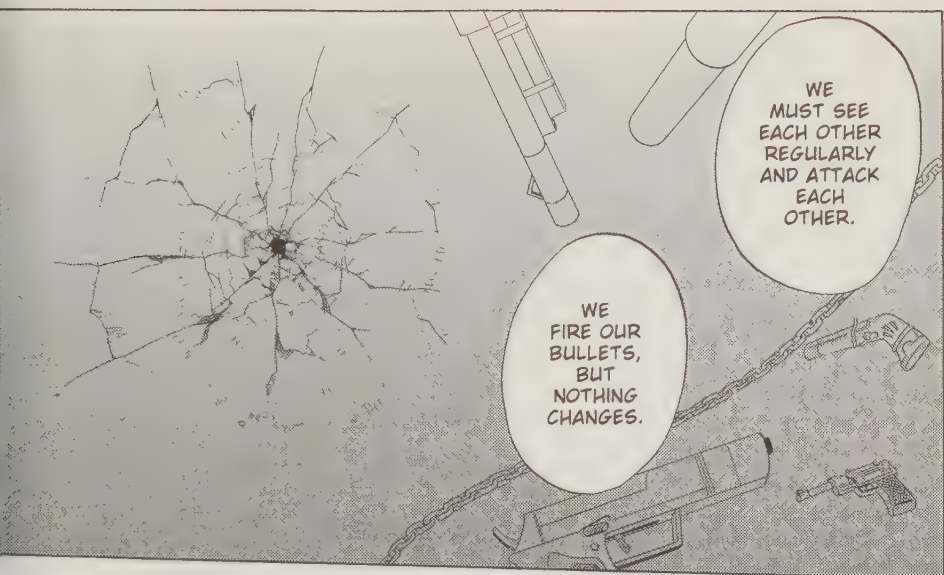


THAT IS
WHY ALL THE
RESIDENTS OF
THIS COUNTRY
GROW TO
LIKE HER.



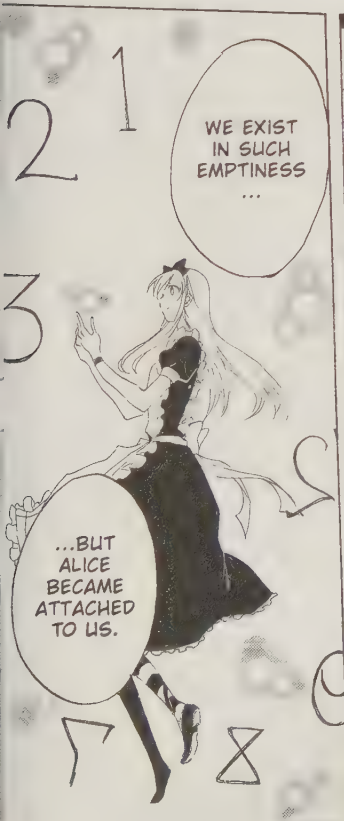
...YOU,
THE WHITE
RABBIT, ARE
SPECIAL.

AND
AMONG
ALL OF
US...



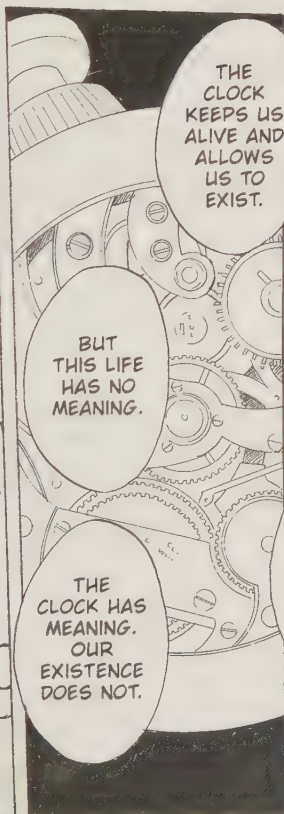
WE
MUST SEE
EACH OTHER
REGULARLY
AND ATTACK
EACH
OTHER.

WE
FIRE OUR
BULLETS,
BUT
NOTHING
CHANGES.



WE EXIST
IN SUCH
EMPTINESS
...

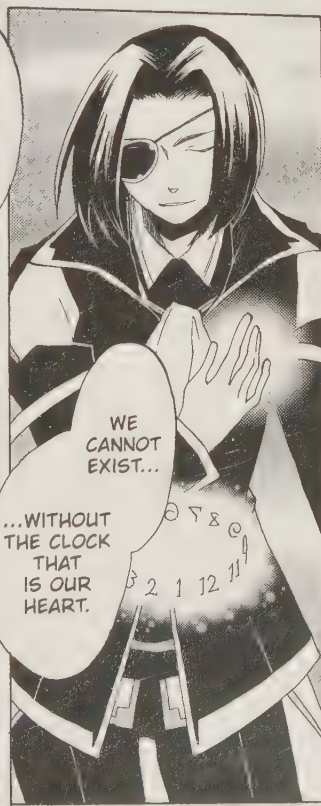
...BUT
ALICE
BECAME
ATTACHED
TO US.



THE
CLOCK
KEEPS US
ALIVE AND
ALLOWS
US TO
EXIST.

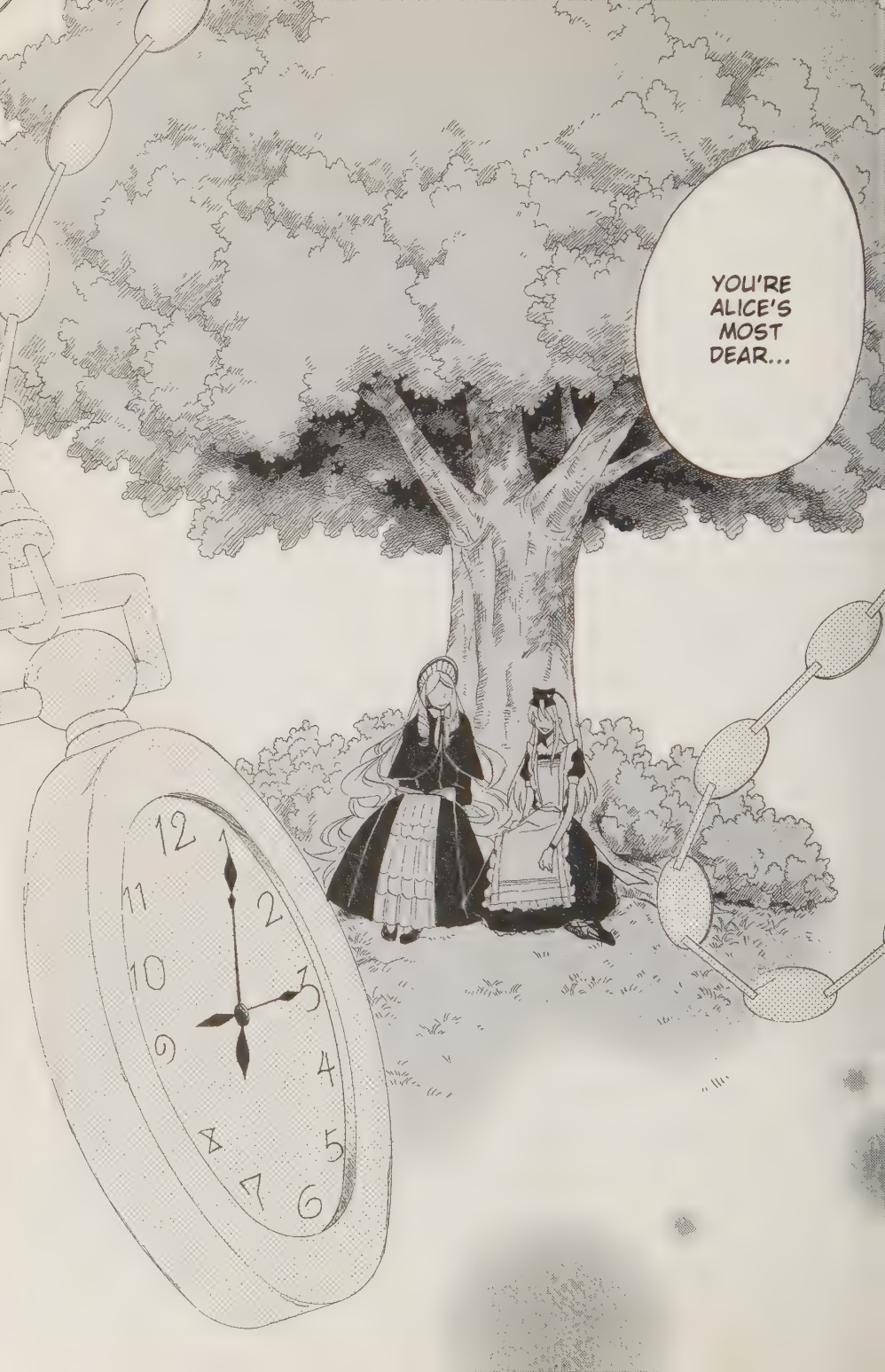
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THIS LIFE
HAS NO
MEANING.

THE
CLOCK HAS
MEANING.
OUR
EXISTENCE
DOES NOT.

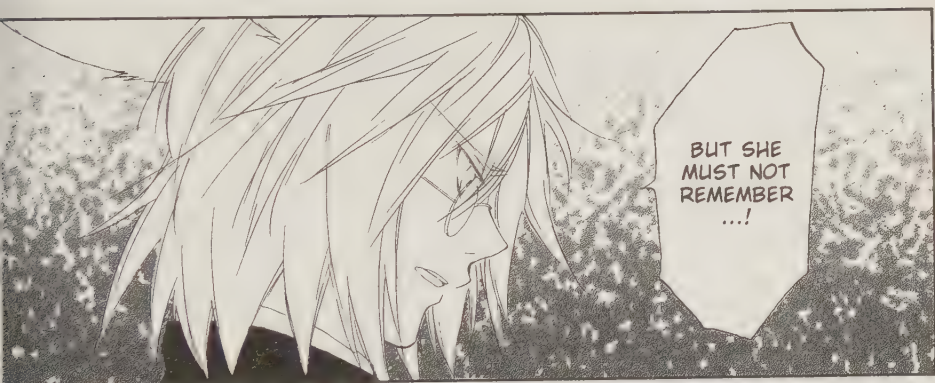
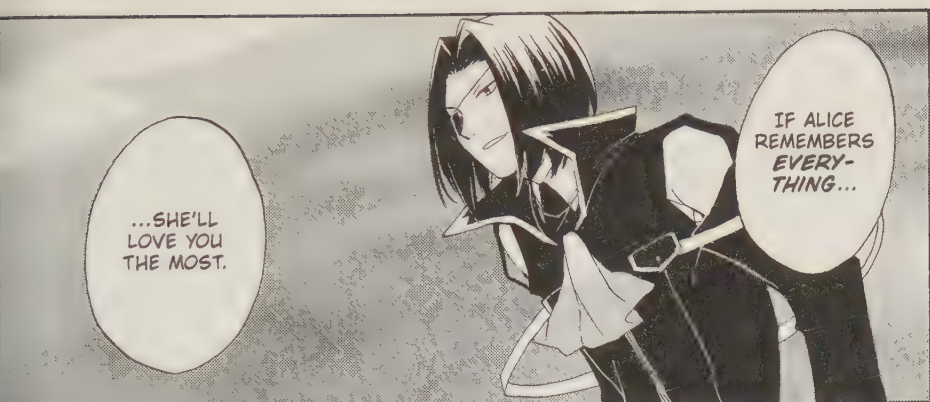


WE
CANNOT
EXIST...

...WITHOUT
THE CLOCK
THAT
IS OUR
HEART.



YOU'RE
ALICE'S
MOST
DEAR...

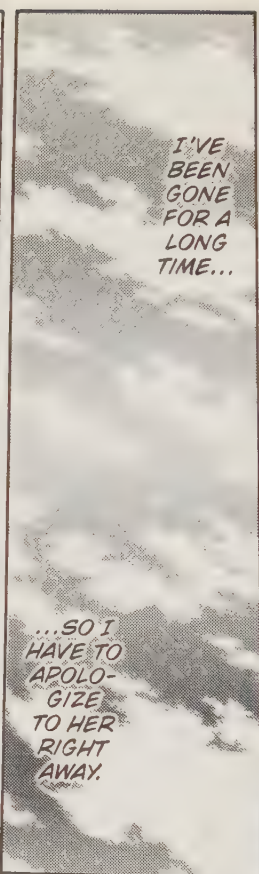




HMM?

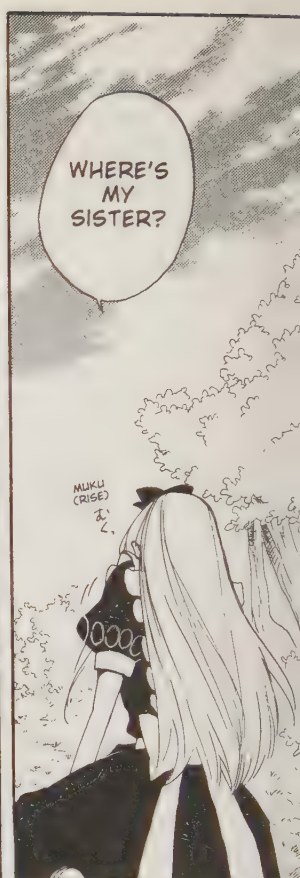
WHAT
AM I
SAYING?

I ONLY
DOZED
OFF AND
HAD A
DREAM.



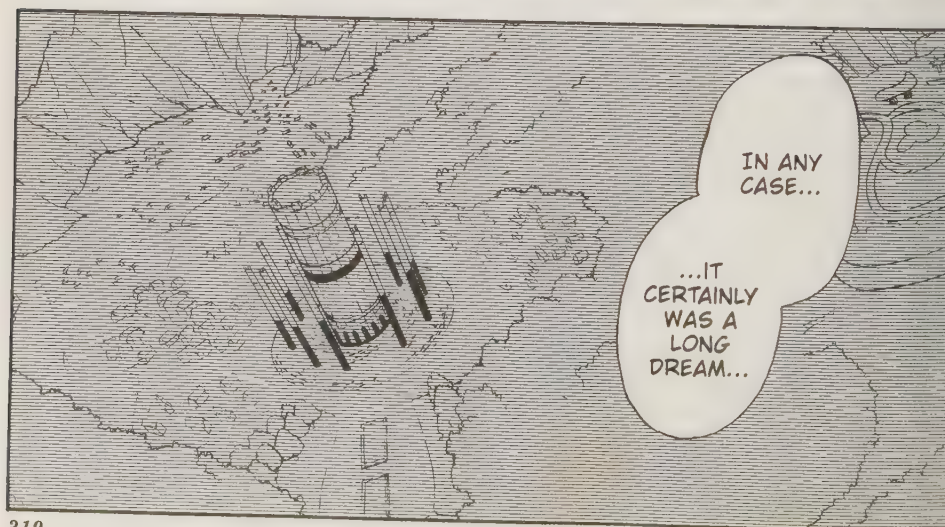
I'VE
BEEN
GONE
FOR A
LONG
TIME...

...SO I
HAVE TO
APOLO-
GIZE
TO HER
RIGHT
AWAY.



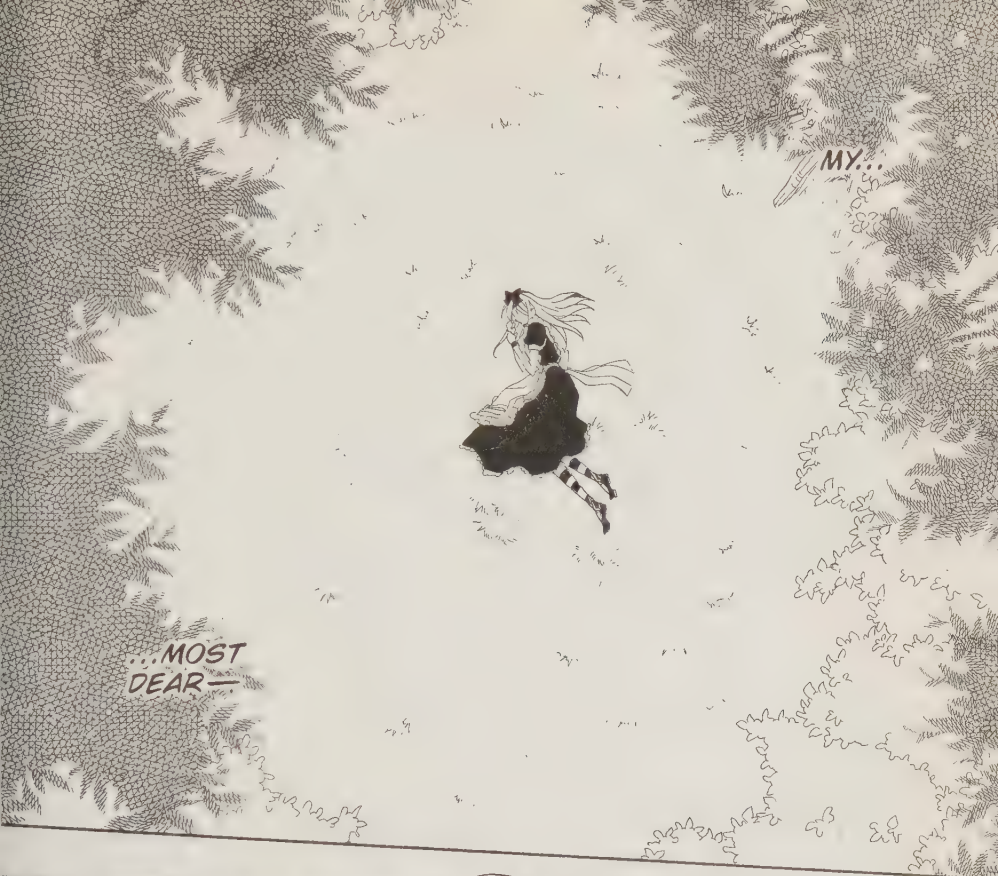
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MY
SISTER?

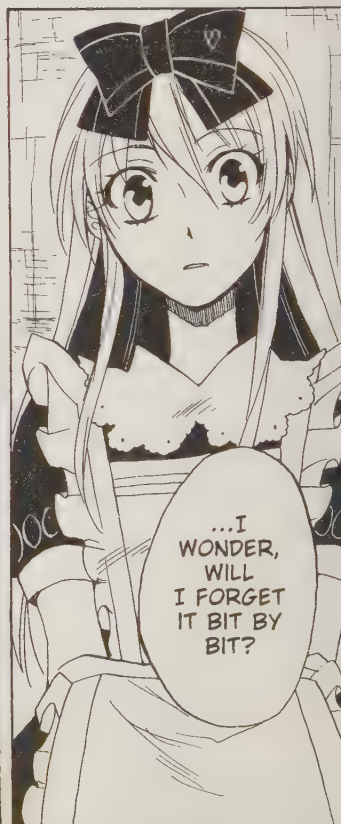
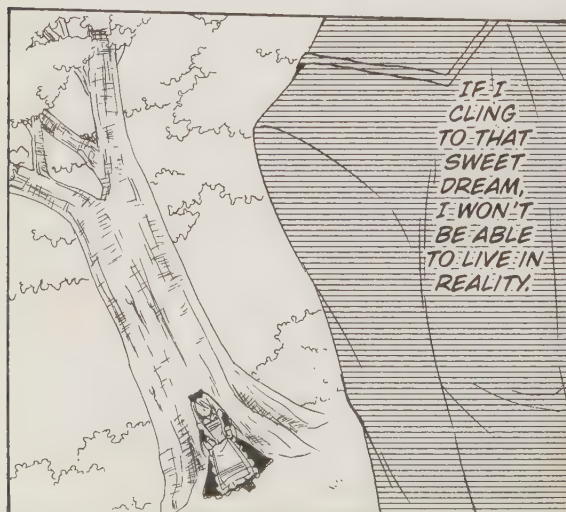
MIKU
(RISE)

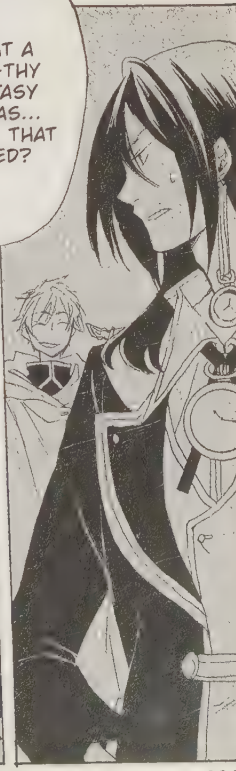
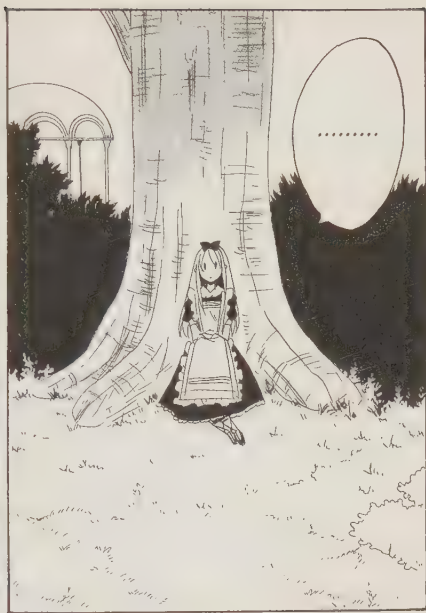


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CASE...

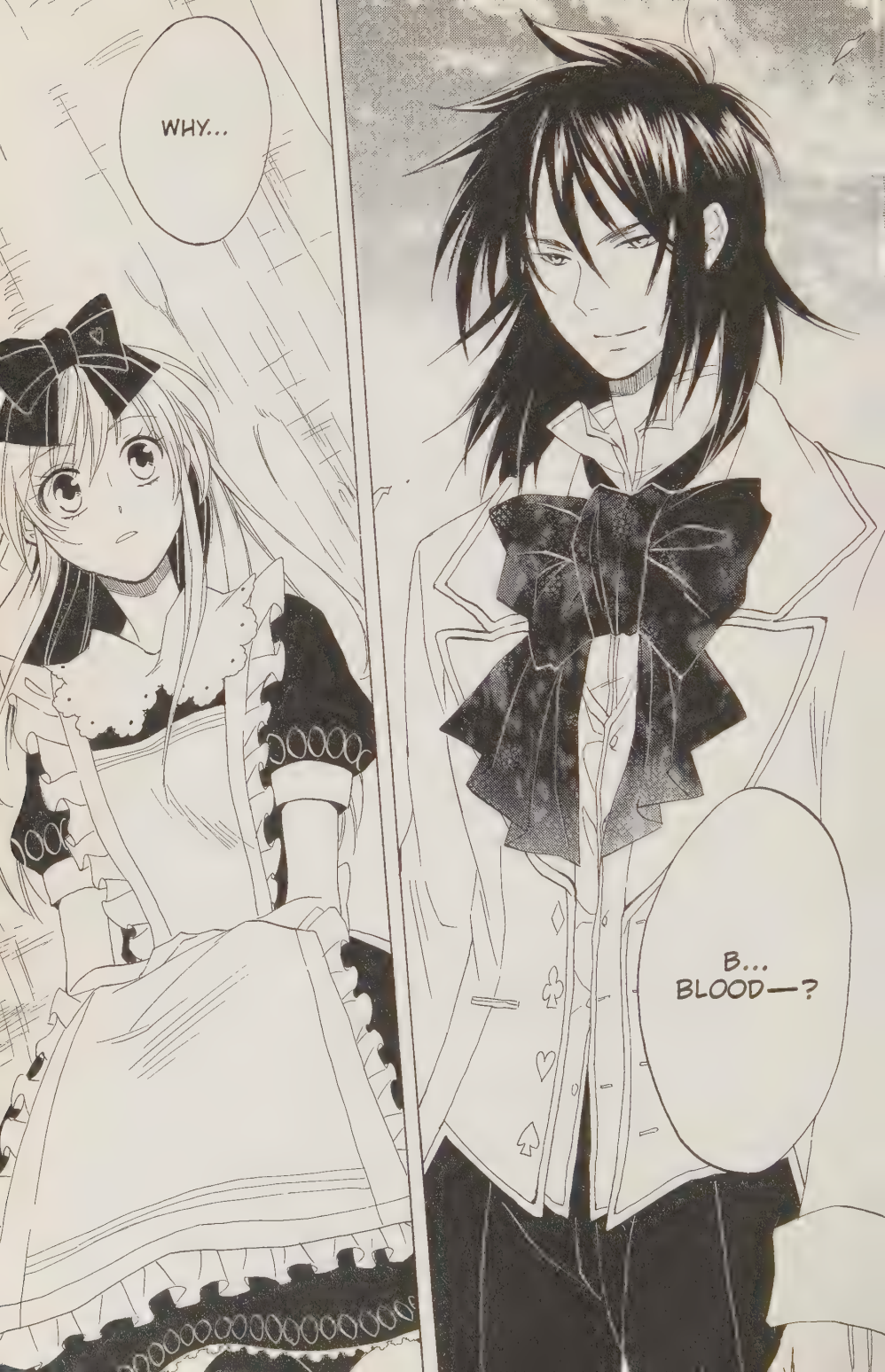
...IT
CERTAINLY
WAS A
LONG
DREAM...





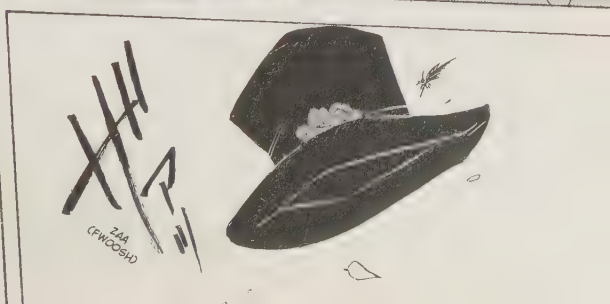
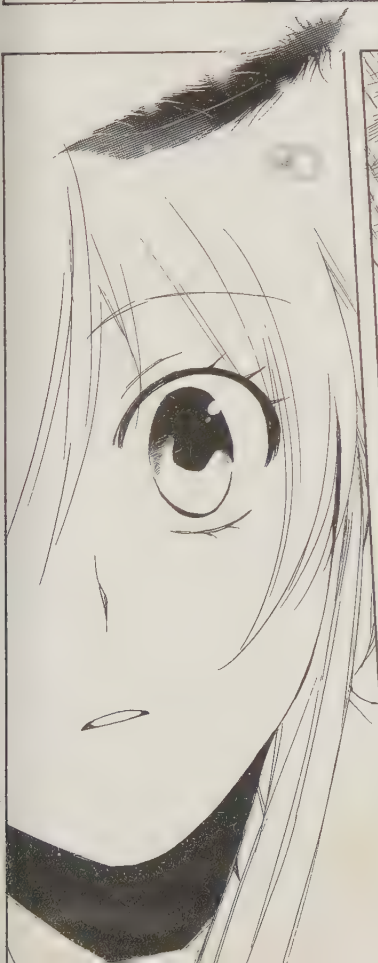
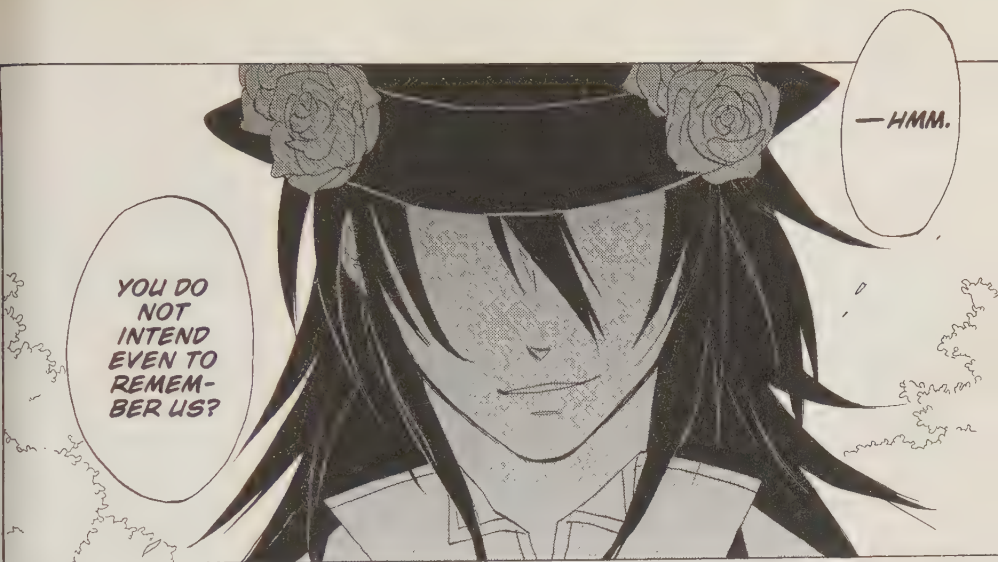


WHAT A LENGTHY FANTASY IT WAS... WAS I THAT TIRED?

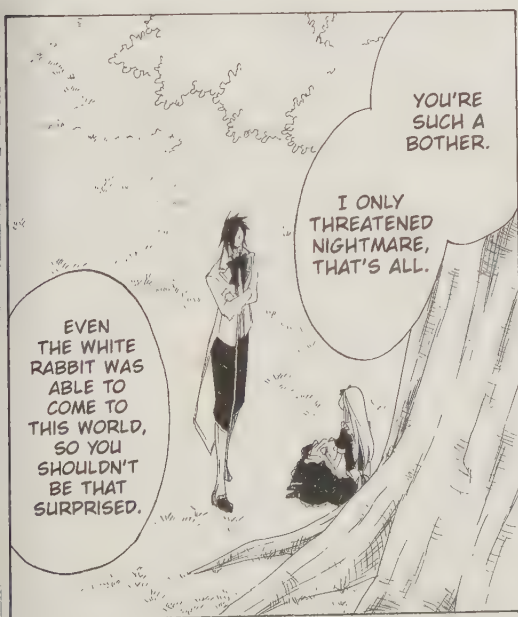
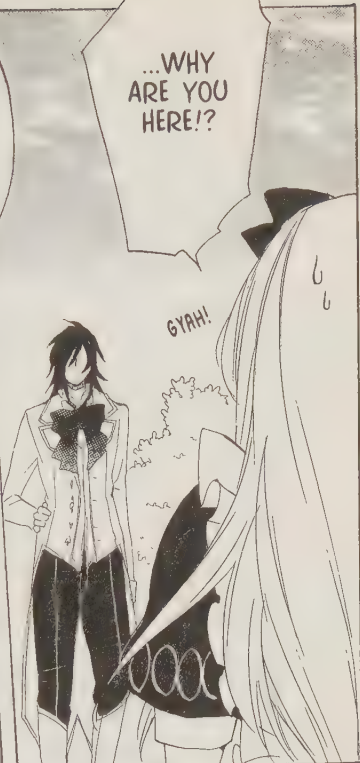


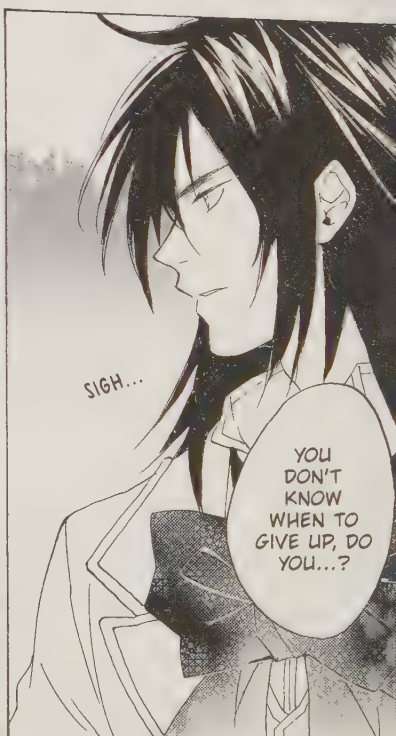
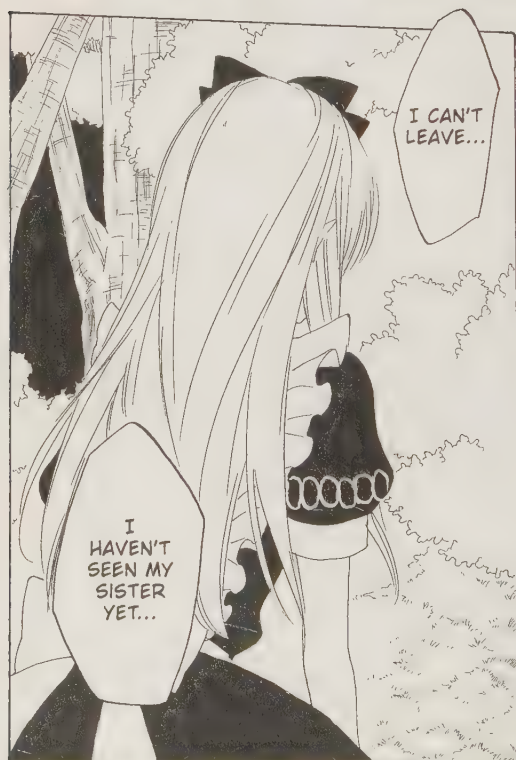
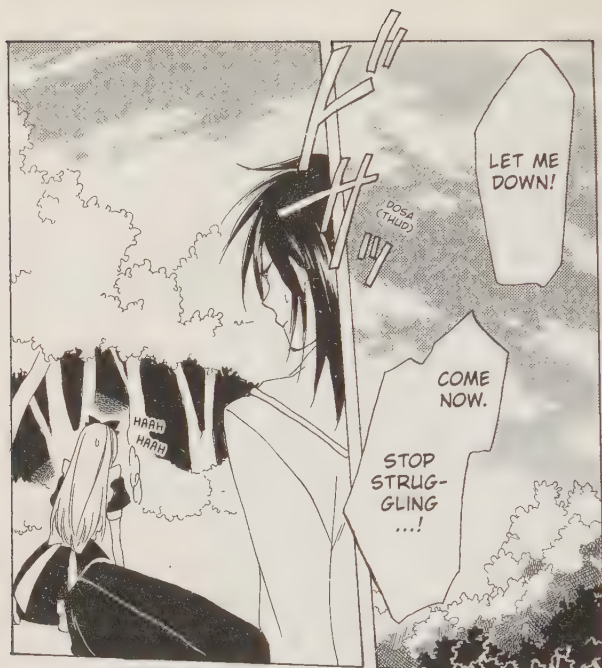
WHY...

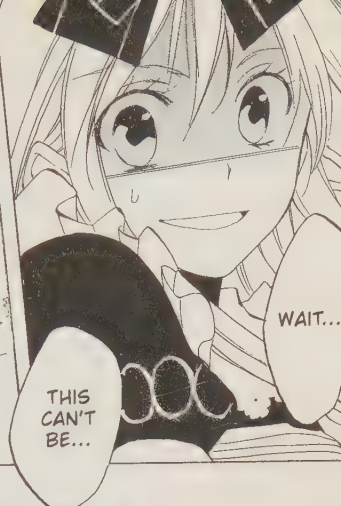
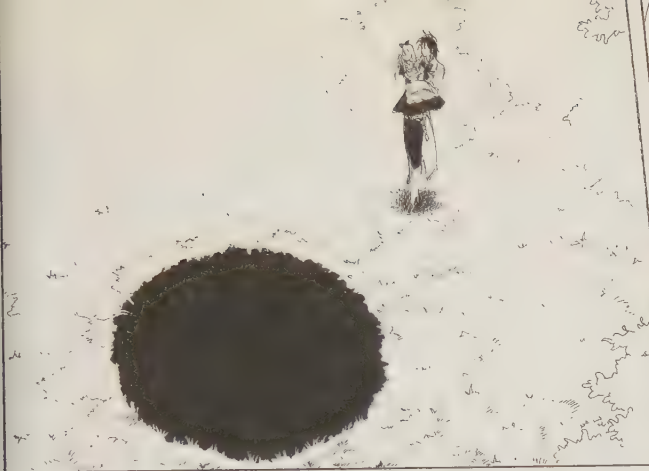
B...
BLOOD—?





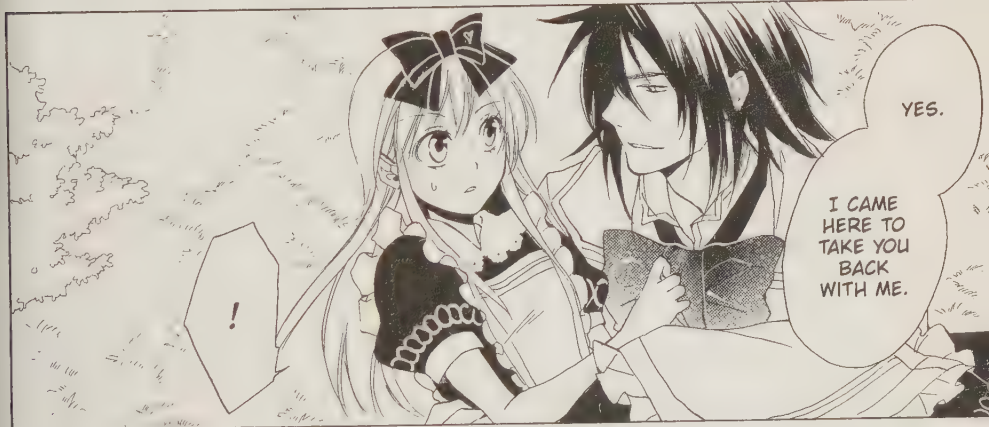






THIS
CAN'T
BE...

WAIT...



YES.

I CAME
HERE TO
TAKE YOU
BACK
WITH ME.

...BUT
GOING
BACK IS
EASY.

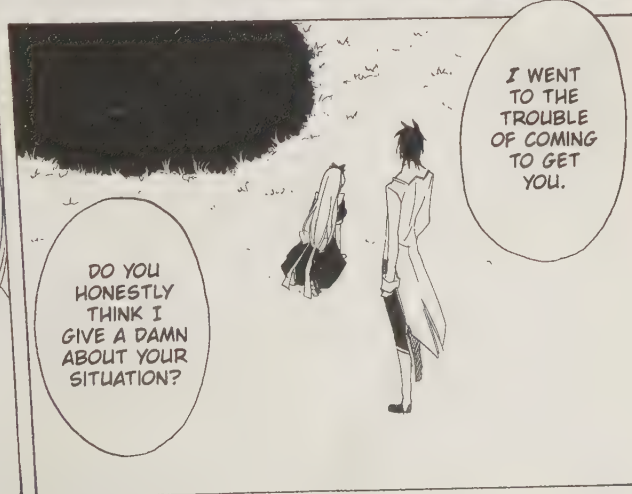
WE
JUST
NEED TO
FALL.

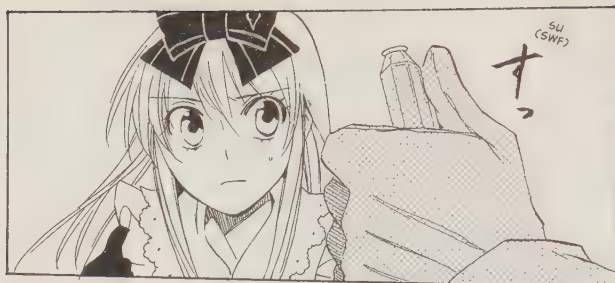
IT
WAS A
HASSLE
GETTING
HERE...

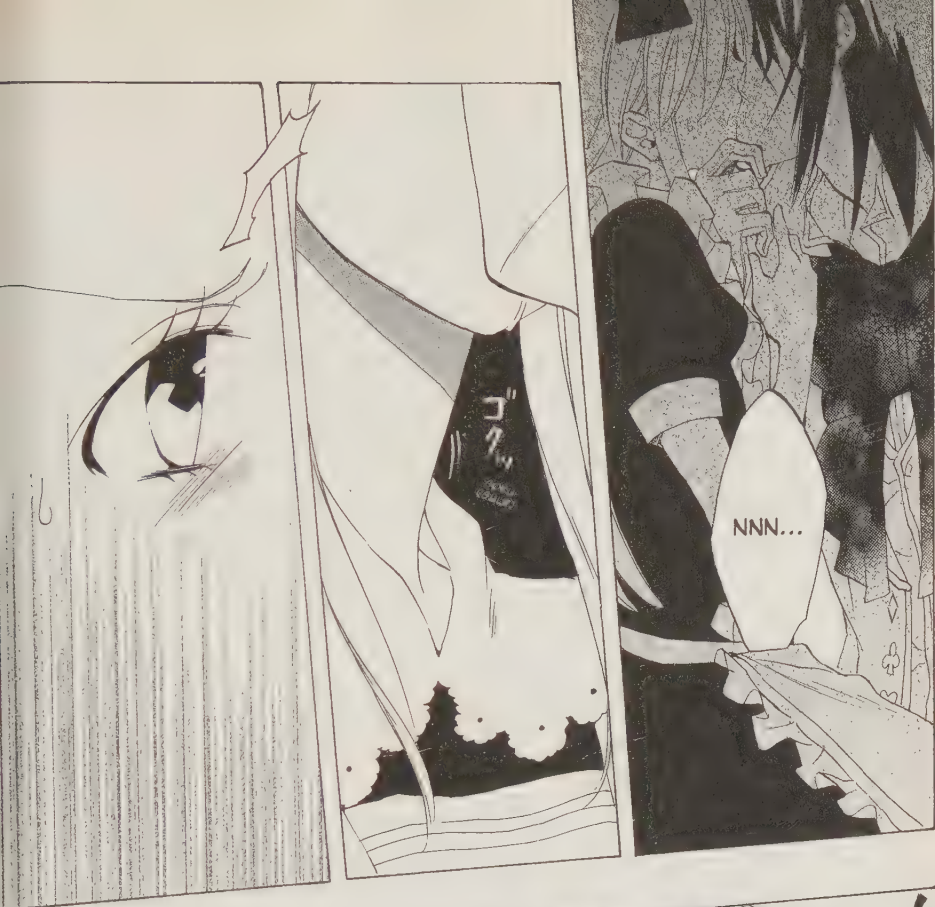


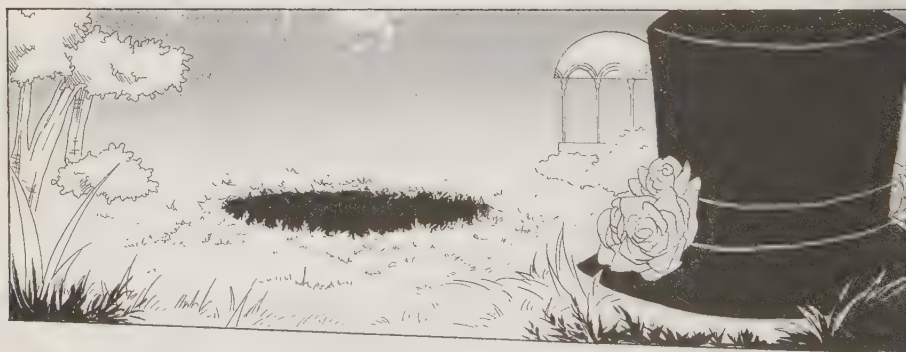
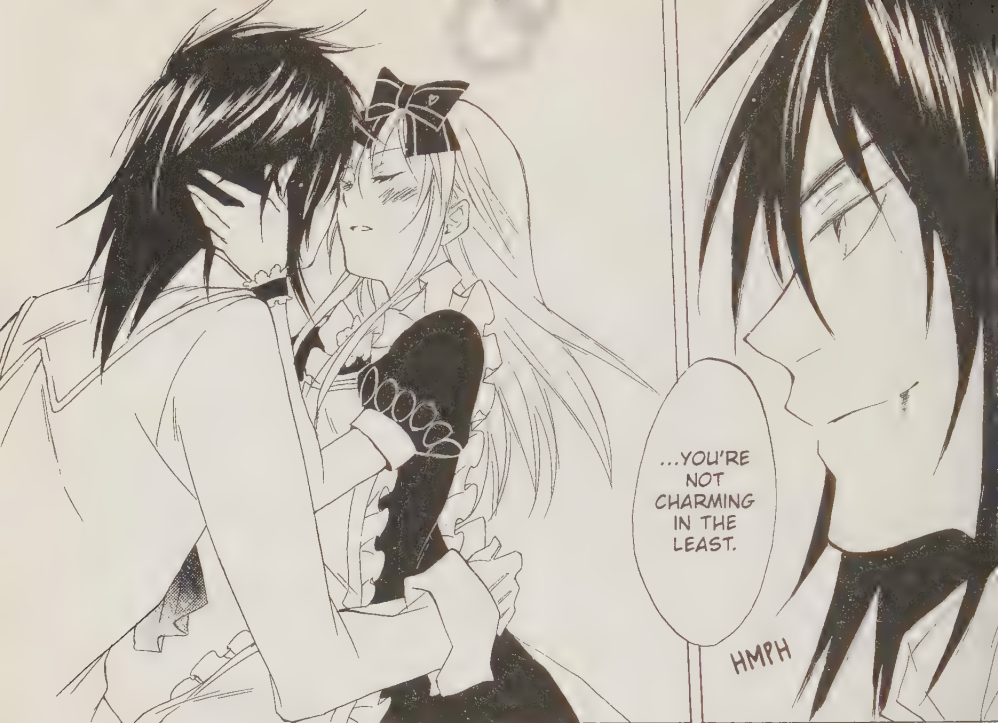
FOR
WHAT—?

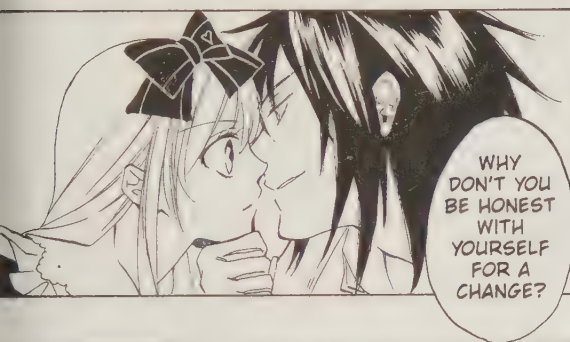
I HAVE TO
APOLOGIZE
TO HER...

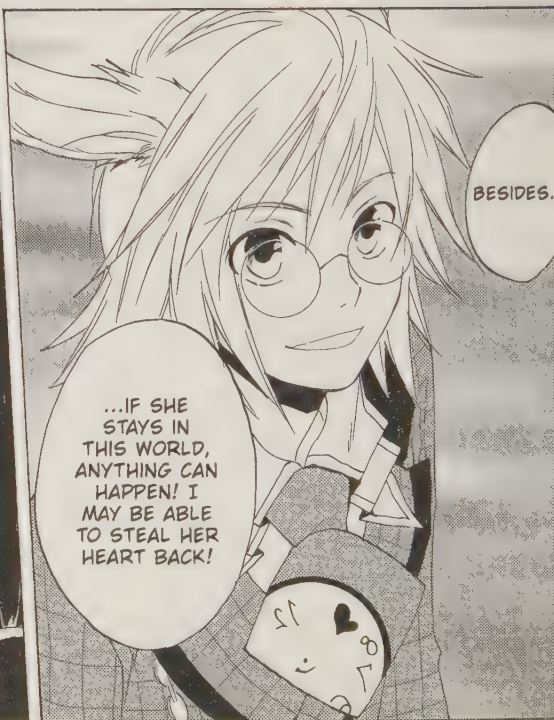
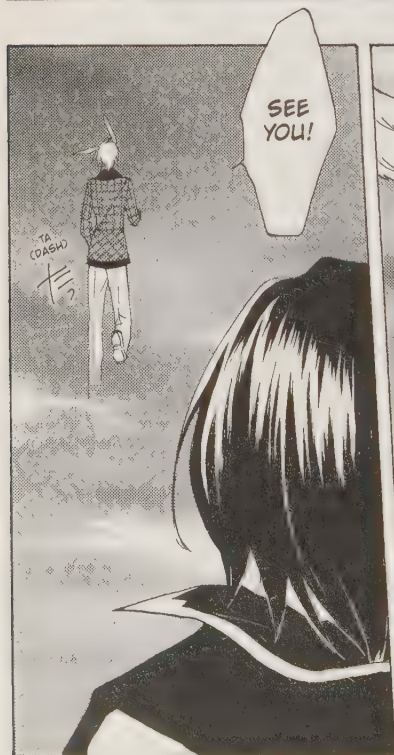
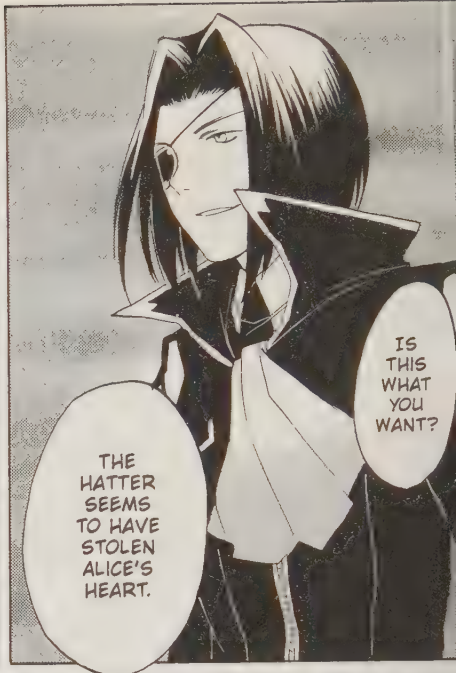
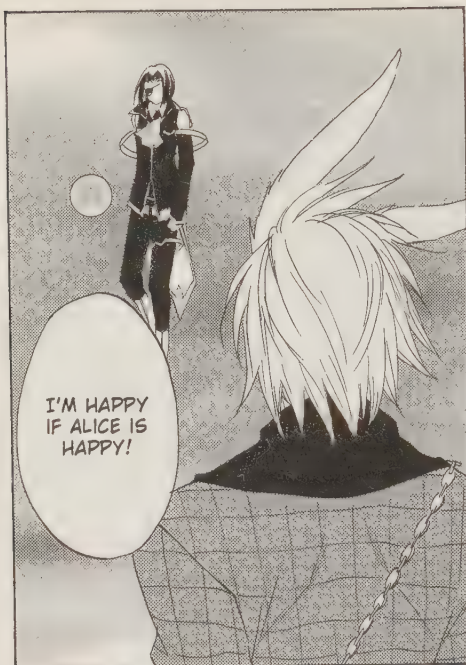


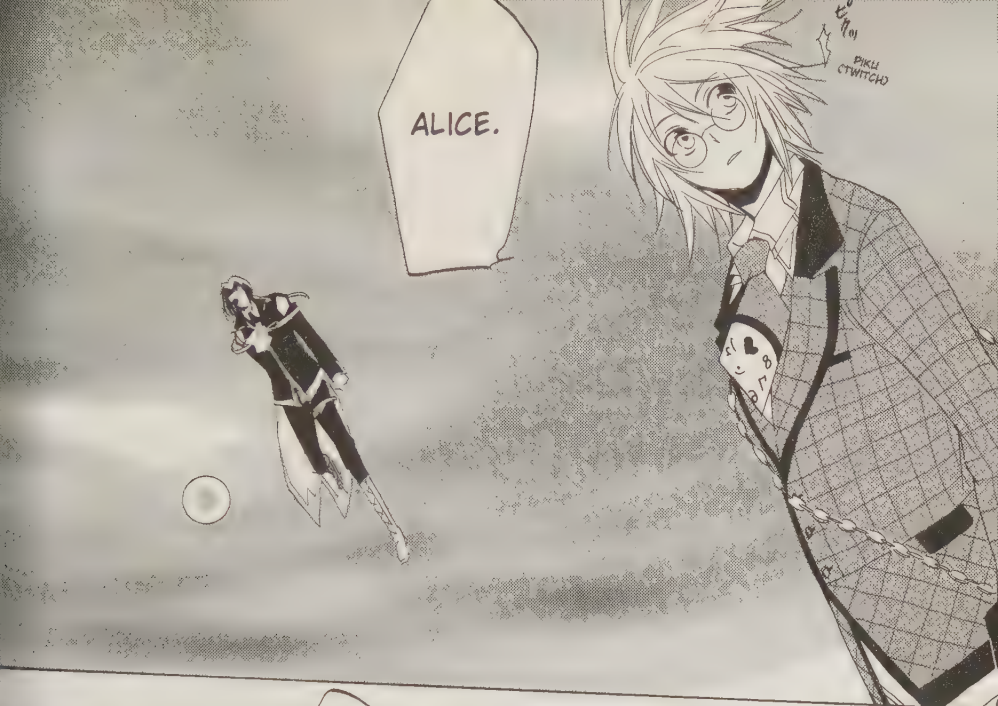




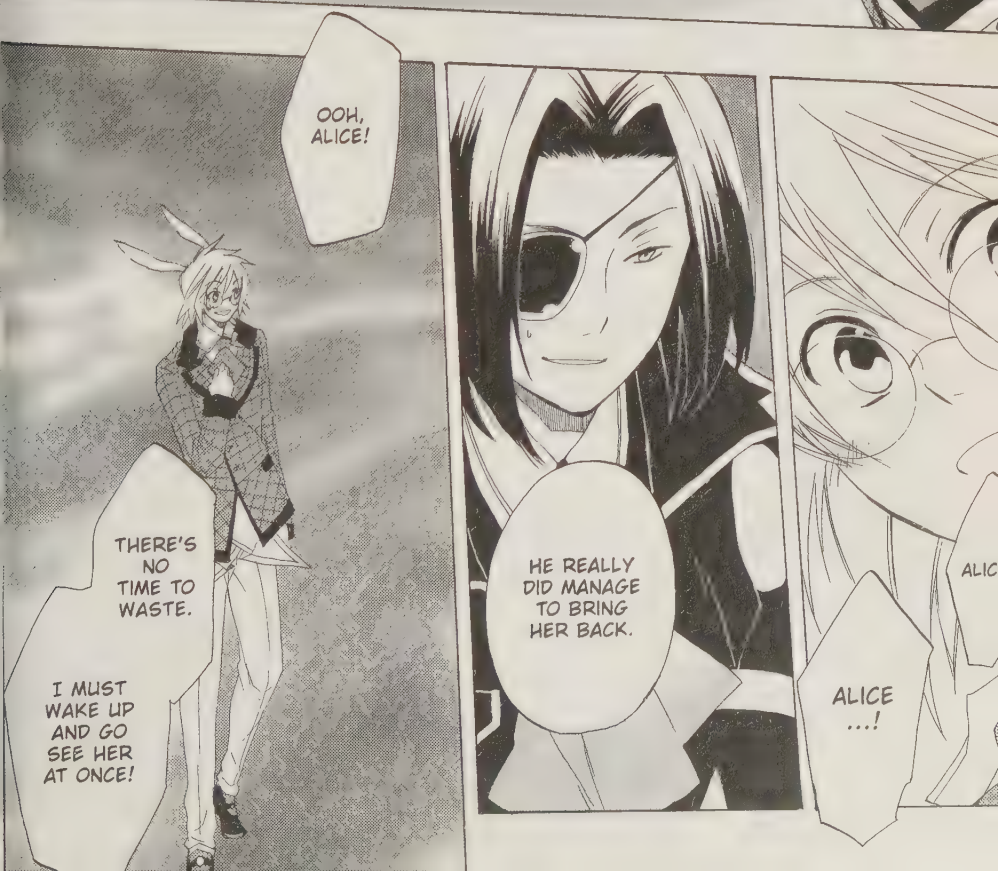








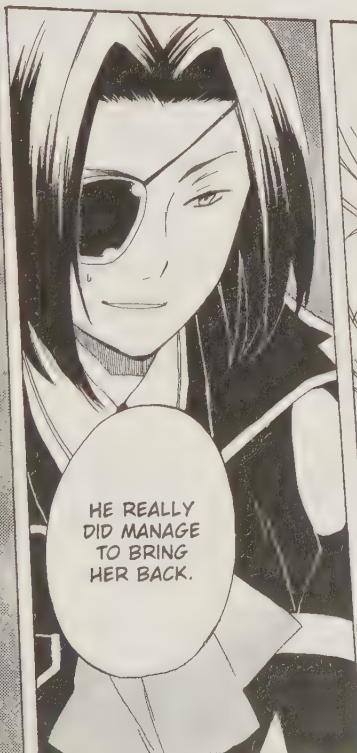
PIKLI
CTWITCHO



OOH,
ALICE!

THERE'S
NO
TIME TO
WASTE.

I MUST
WAKE UP
AND GO
SEE HER
AT ONCE!



HE REALLY
DID MANAGE
TO BRING
HER BACK.



ALICE

ALICE
...!

FU
(FFFT)

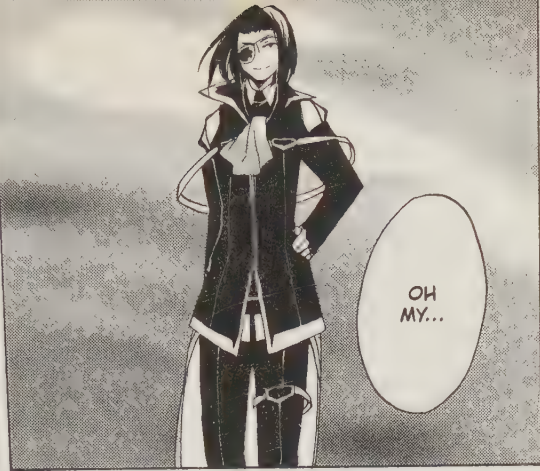
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GOOD
NIGHT.

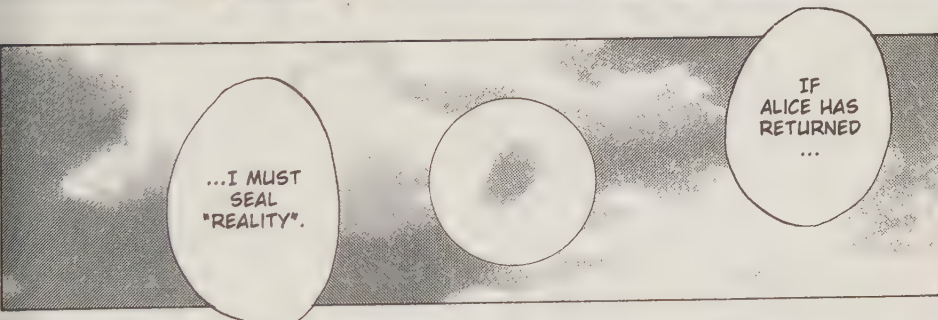




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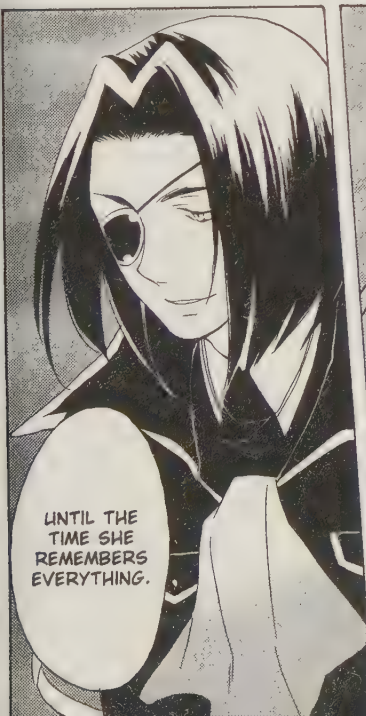


OH
MY...

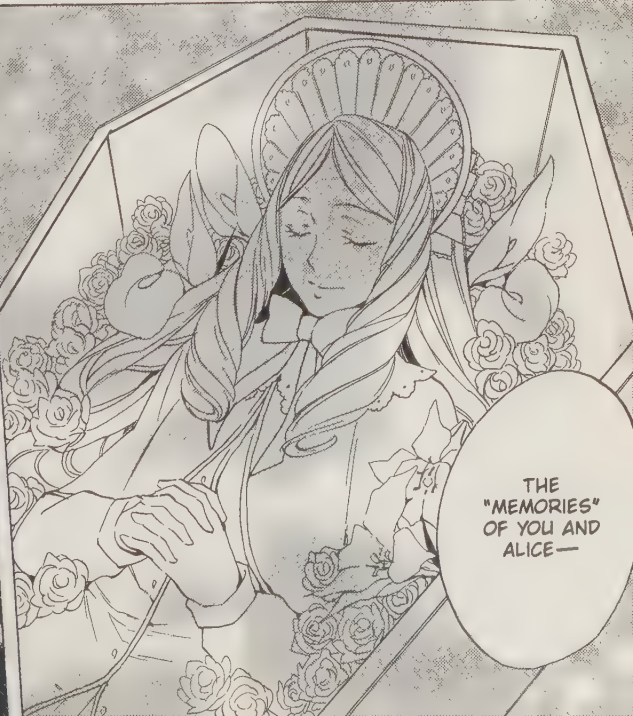


...I MUST
SEAL
"REALITY".

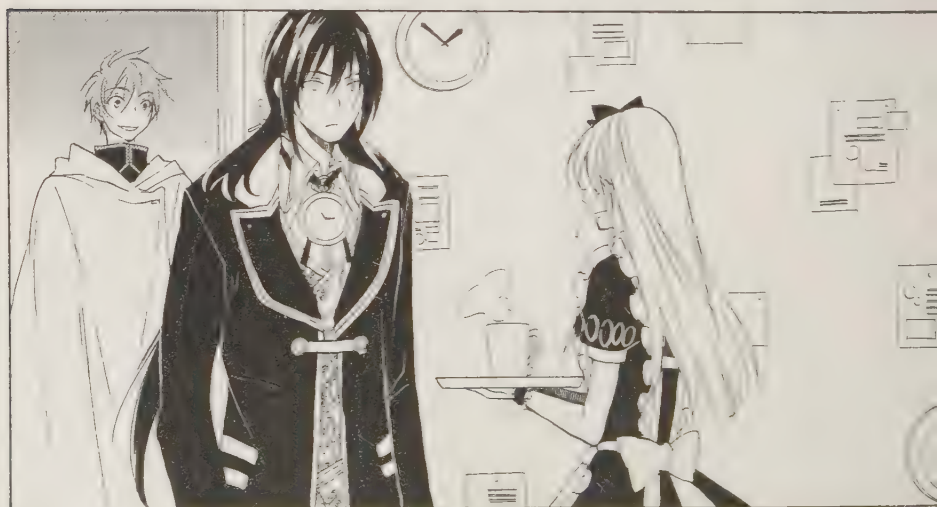
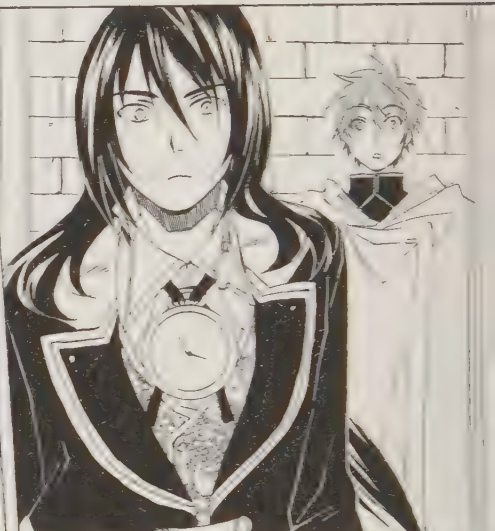
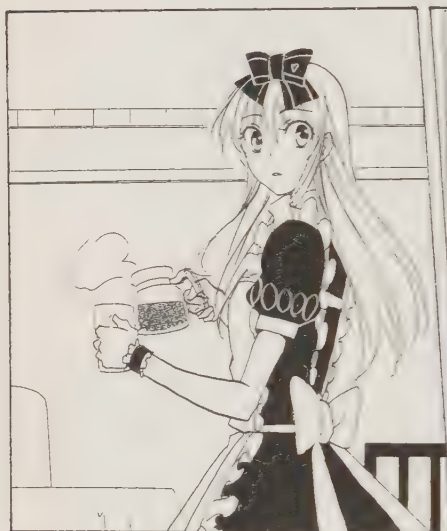
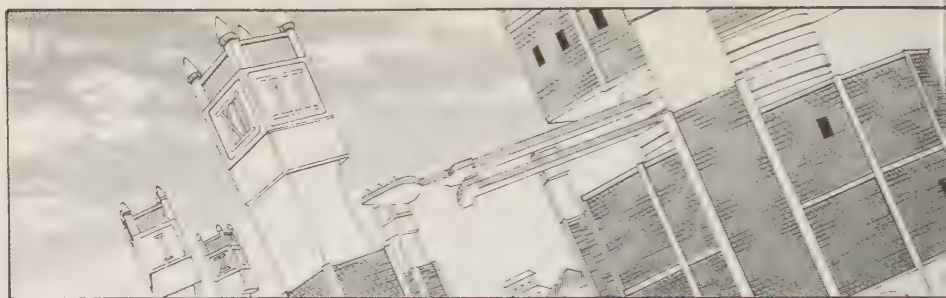
IF
ALICE HAS
RETURNED
...

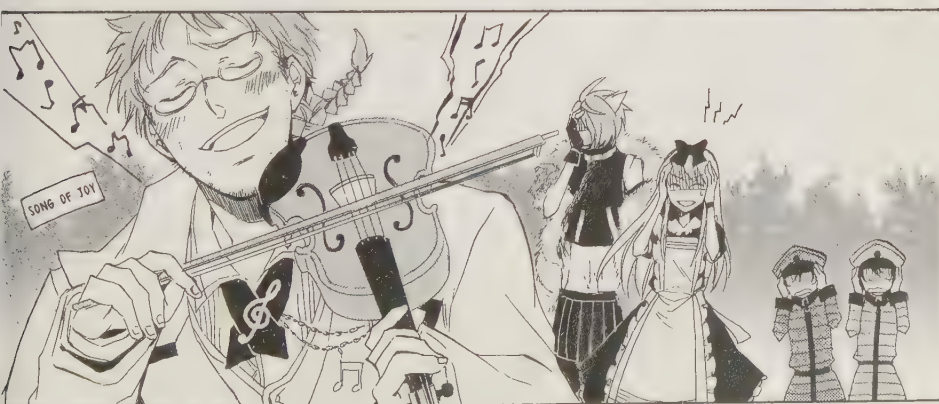
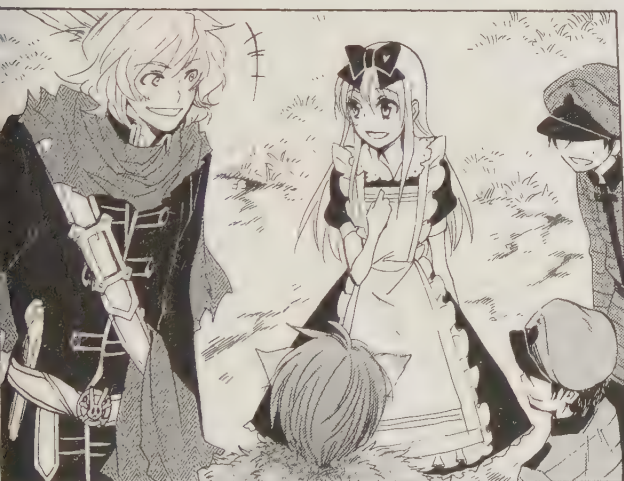
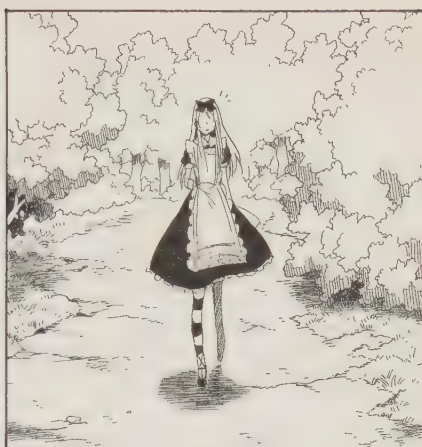
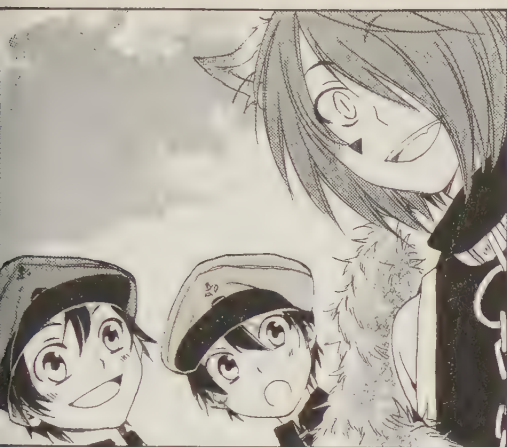


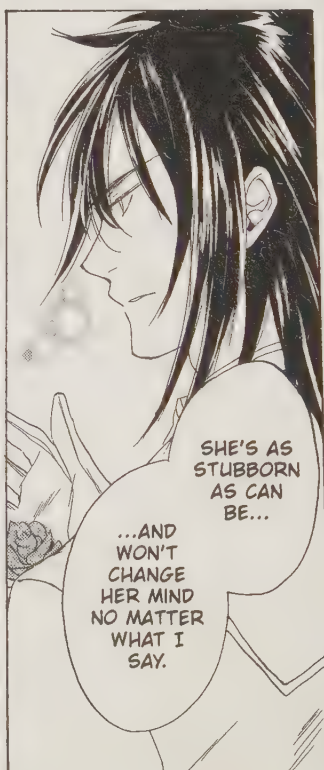
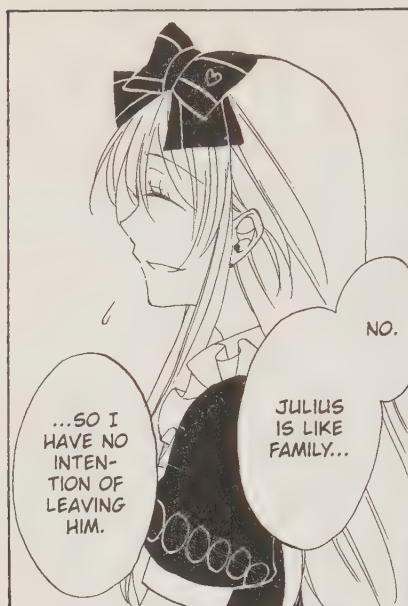
UNTIL THE
TIME SHE
REMEMBERS
EVERYTHING.

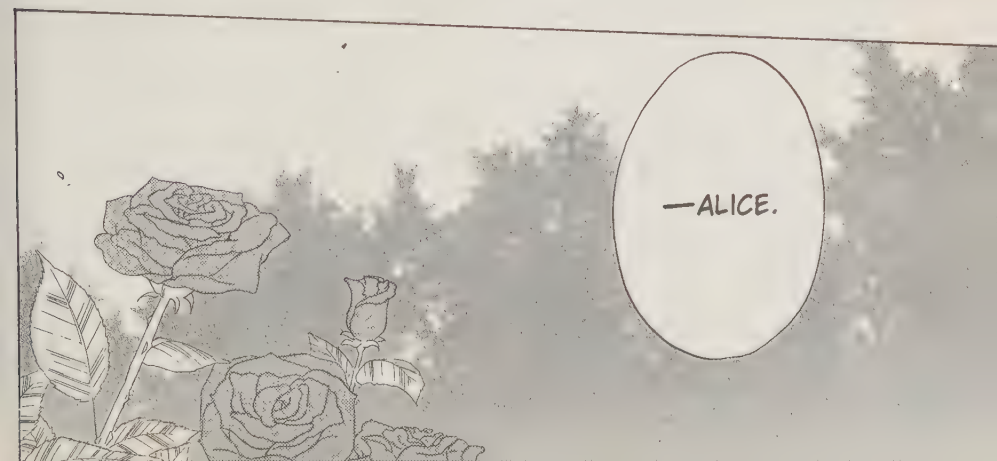
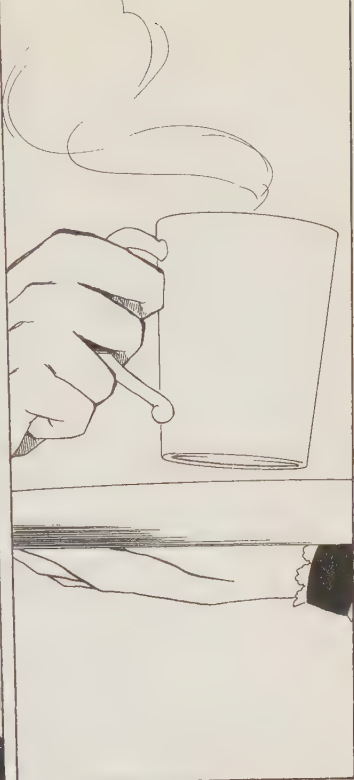


THE
"MEMORIES"
OF YOU AND
ALICE—

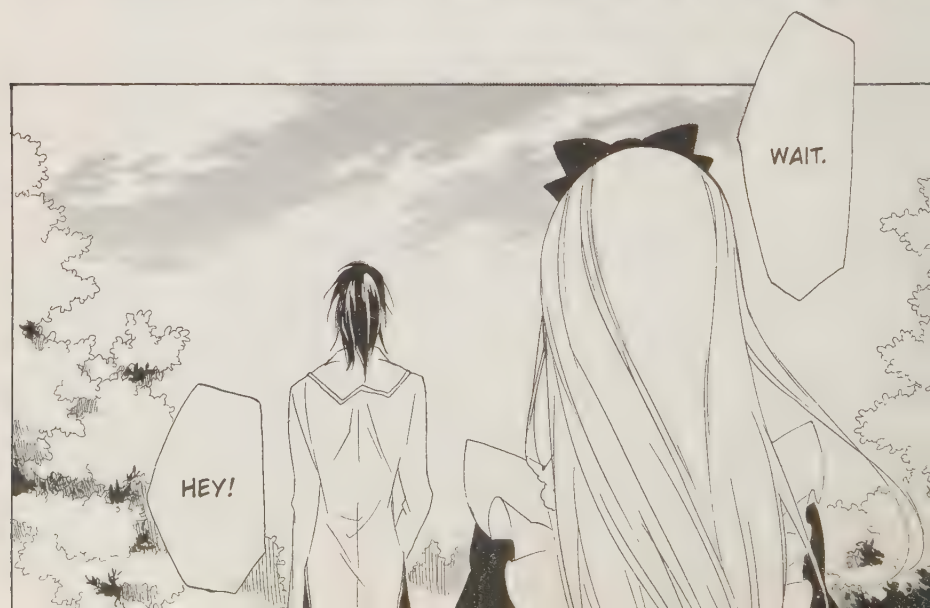
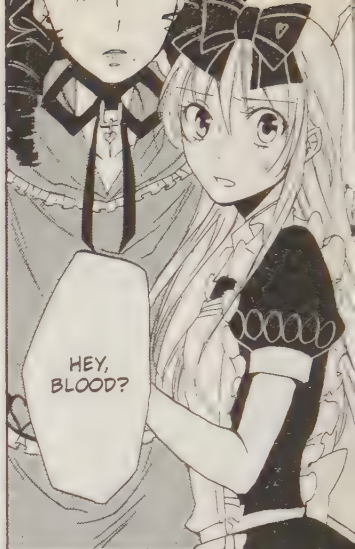
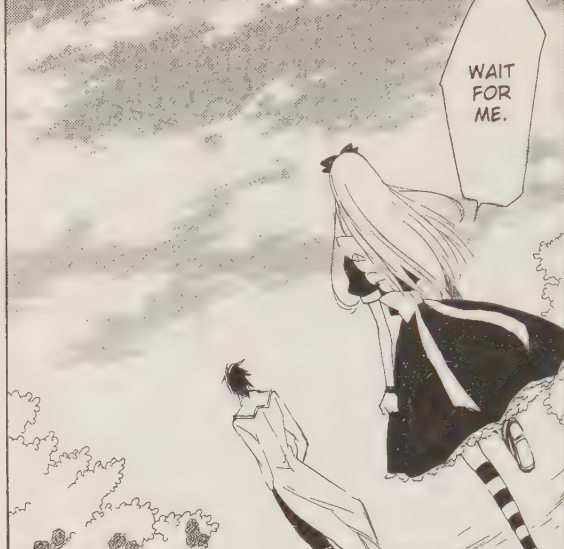


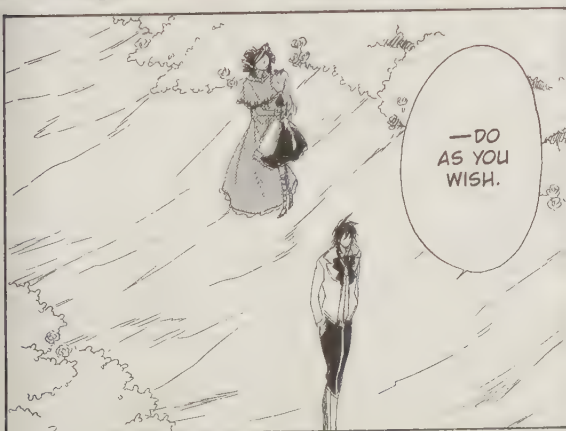
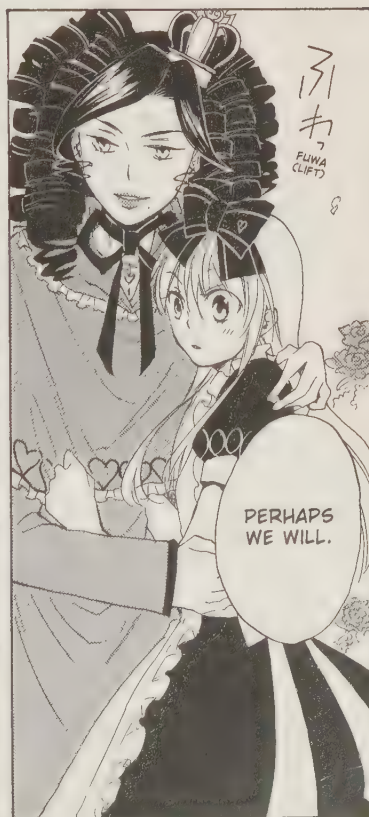
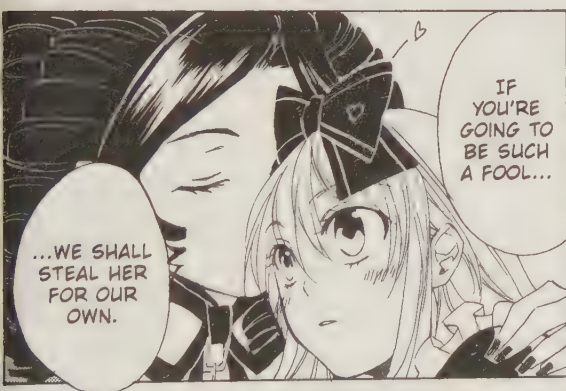
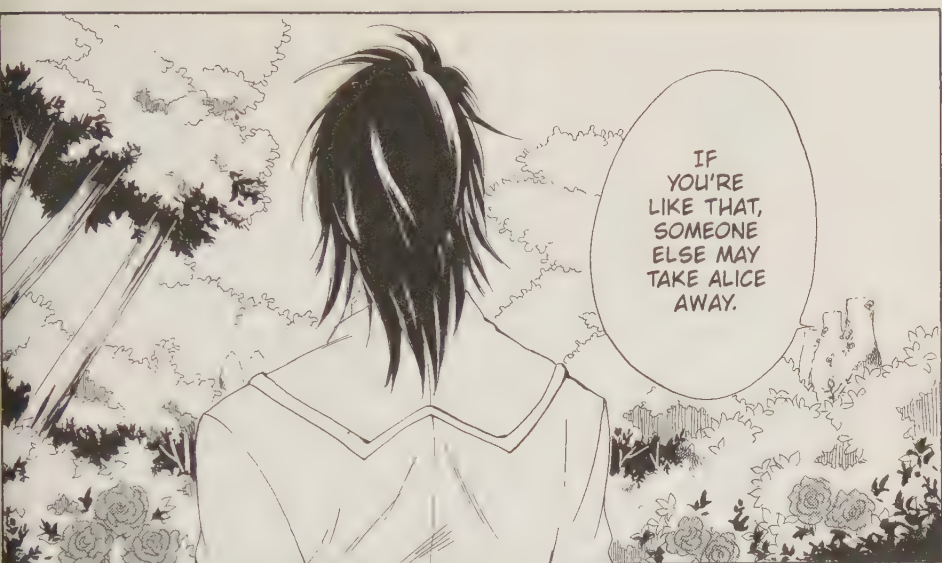




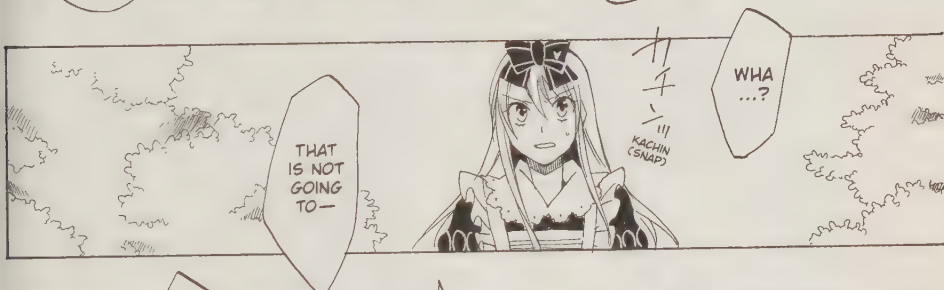


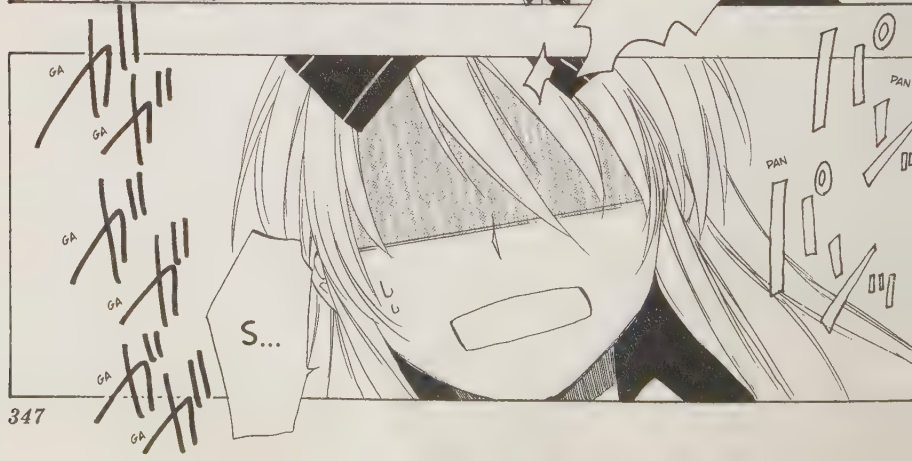
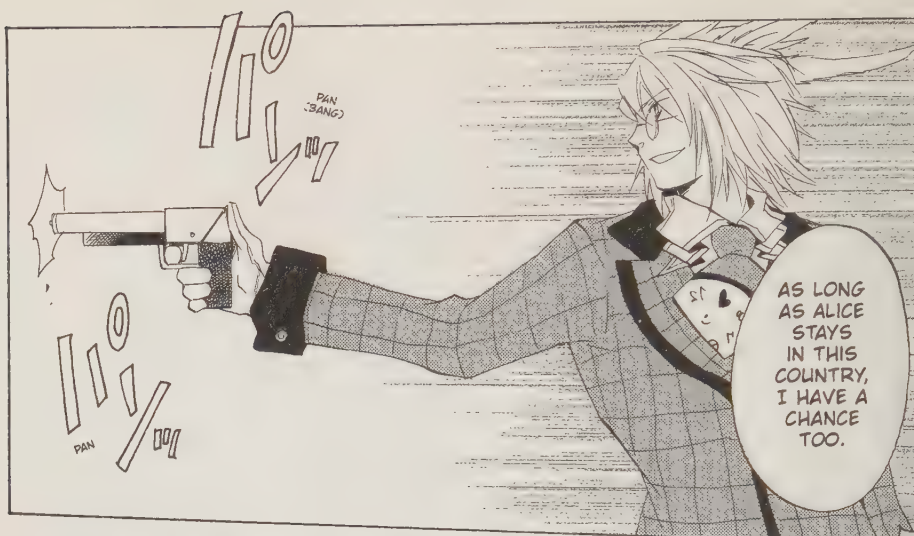
—ALICE.











YOU
KNOW I'LL
TAKE
BETTER
CARE OF
YOU!

DUMP
THAT
MAN THIS
INSTANT
AND COME
TO ME.

ARE YOU
FIGHTING
WITH THE
HATTER
AGAIN?

IT'S NOT
DECIDED
THAT ALICE
IS YOURS.

I'M
GRATEFUL
YOU
BROUGHT
HER
BACK...

STOP THIS
FRUITLESS
FAWNING
AND GIVE
UP NOW.

WATCH
YOUR
MOUTH,
WHITE
RABBIT.

AS LONG
AS I'M
HERE, ALICE
ISN'T GOING
ANYWHERE.

—HOHHH?

SHUN
(SHHP)

GASIA
(CHAK)

...BUT
I'LL BE
HAPPIER
IF YOU
DISAPPEAR
NOW THAT
YOU'VE
DONE YOUR
DUTY.

Special Thanks

Omi-tan

Nahoru-chan

Jenny-shacho

Pafu-chan

Shizu-chan

Anri-chan

Makiko-kun

Ichimura-tentei

My family & dog/cat

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And You!!

HEY, DID YOU KNOW?

STOP IT,
BOTH OF
YOU!!

YOU'RE
NOTHING
BUT
TROUBLE!!

THE BORING GAME IS NO LONGER.

THIS IS A PLACE WHERE
EVERYONE WANTS YOU—

A WONDERFUL WONDER WORLD!

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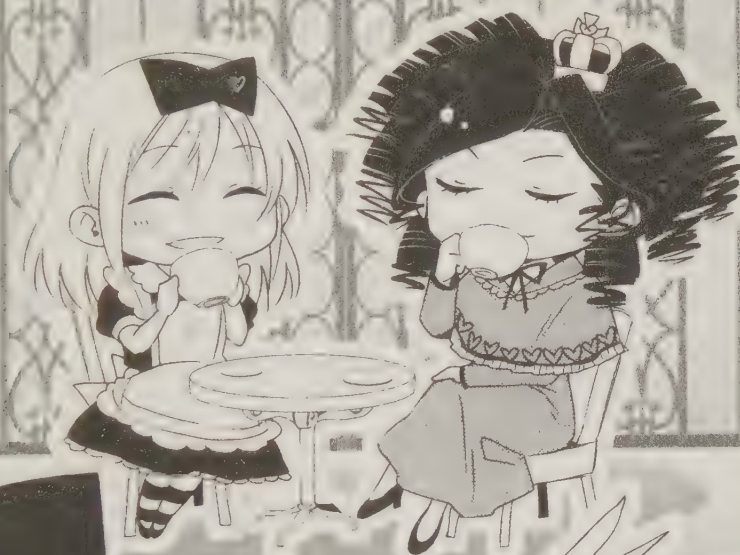




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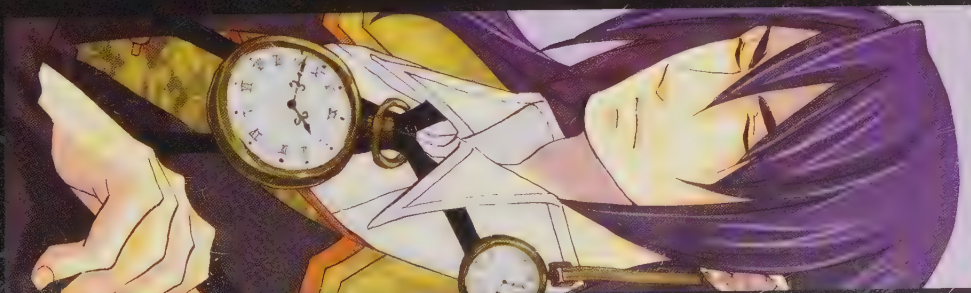
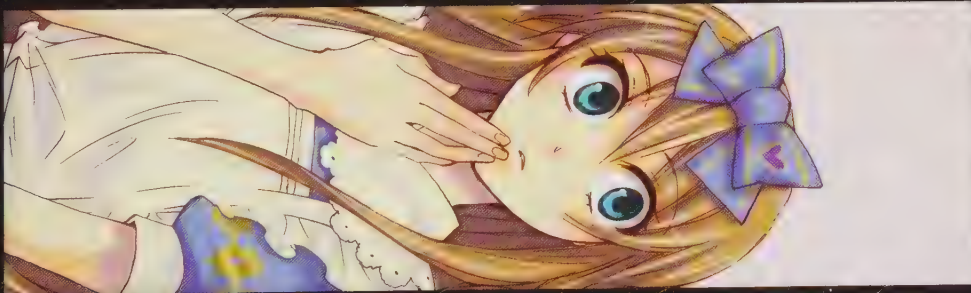




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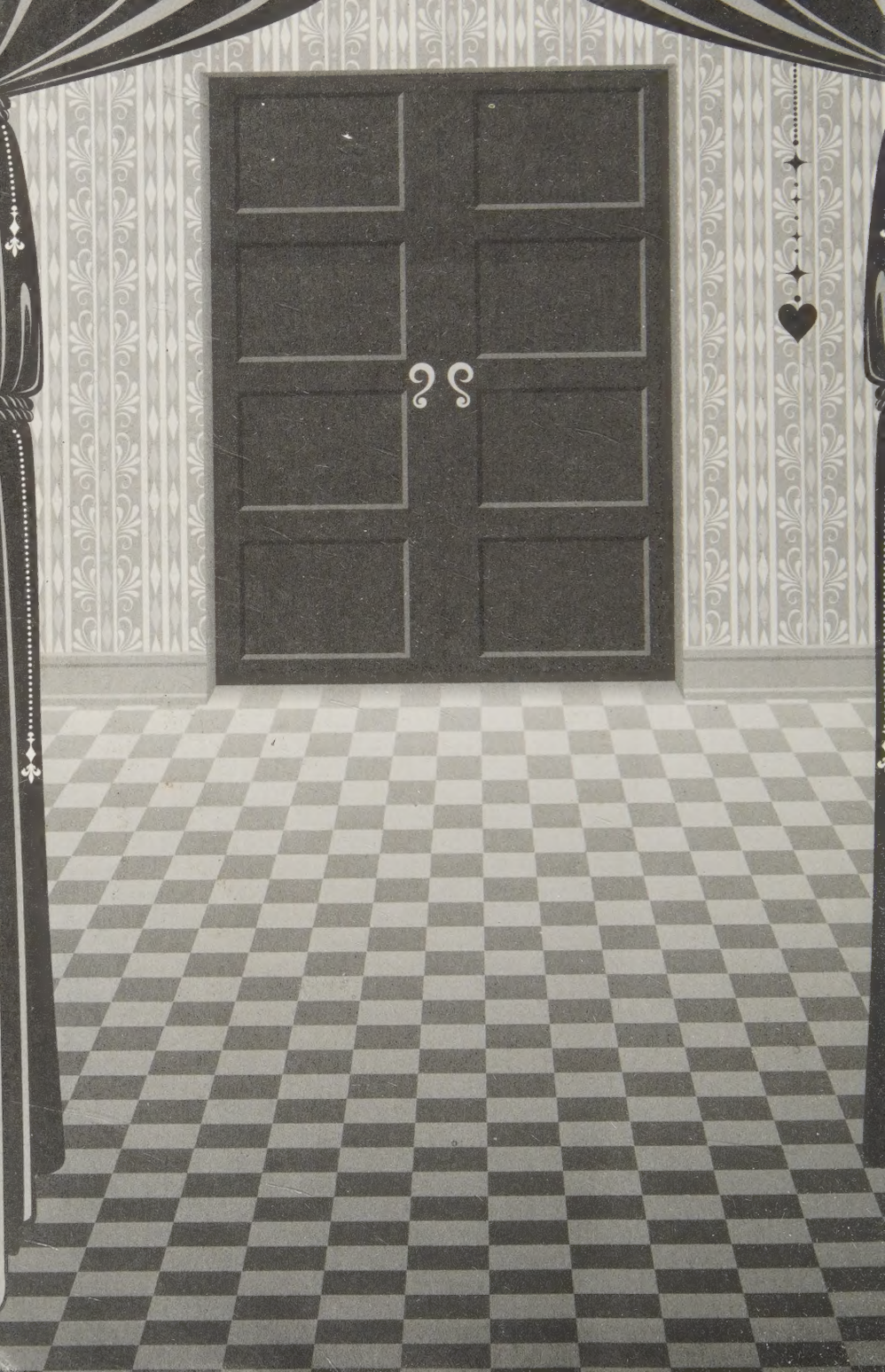








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